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GERMAN OCCUPATION OF ITALY REVEALED

SOVIET BLACK SEA DEMAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade diplomatic circles state that the meeting between General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, and Marshal Goering concerned Russian demands for the immediate cession of naval bases in the Black Sea.

The demands, it is reported, have been delivered in the form of an ultimatum leaving very little time with which to reply.

Subsequently Rumania has mobilised her forces.

There is no confirmation in London of the Russian demands upon Rumania.

Another Belgrade report which lends colour to the reports of Russian demands upon Rumania alleges that Russia is increasing her troop concentrations along the Black Sea Area on the Rumanian Border. — International News Service.

ENEMY BOMBER SHOT DOWN

An enemy bomber was shot down into the English Channel by R.A.F. fighters yesterday afternoon, states an Air Ministry communique.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY BY SINGLE ENEMY AIRCRAFT DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, BOMBS BEING DROPPED IN EAST ANGLIA, KENT AND ONE POINT IN THE LONDON AREA.

Casualties were small and the only damage was to buildings in a town on the coast of East Anglia. — Reuter.

SUCCESS OF GREEK SUBMARINE

A GREEK SUBMARINE HAS SUNK AN ITALIAN SUPPLY SHIP IN THE ADRIATIC, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL GREEK COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN ATHENS YESTERDAY, SAYS REUTER.

MATSUOKA AND M. HENRI MEET FOR THIRD TIME

For the third time yesterday Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and the French Ambassador, met last night to discuss further details for settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute.

According to a communique issued in Tokyo the negotiations were making steady progress. — Reuter.

Soviet Shocks Berlin

The Swedish paper "Gothenburg Handelstidning" declared yesterday that Berlin hardly expected a Russian protest over the Bulgarian occupation.

It must have been specially hard to swallow.

While Germany talks of pacifying the Balkans, Russia says squarely that it is, on the contrary, aimed at bringing Bulgaria into the war.

MOSCOW HAS CALLED A SPADE A SPADE AND NOTHING CAN, AT A MOMENT WHEN GERMAN DIPLOMACY IN TURKEY AND YUGOSLAVIA SEEKS TO APPEAR IN A MOST FRIENDLY LIGHT, BE MORE UNWELCOME. — REUTER.

NO CONCRETE HITLER OFFER TO TURKEY

ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITE DETAILS ABOUT THE MESSAGE HITLER SENT TO PRESIDENT INUENU ARE YET AVAILABLE, IT WAS RUMOURED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY THAT THE MESSAGE IS FULL OF GENERAL ASSURANCES BUT CONTAINS NOTHING OF A CONCRETE NATURE.

Not a single Turk or well-informed foreigner in Ankara believes the message will in any way alter Turkish policy.

It is significant that the Turkish newspapers ignore Hitler's message. — Reuter.

More Complete Than In Bulgaria!

THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF ITALY IS REPORTED IN WASHINGTON TO BE MORE COMPLETE THAN THE OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA.

All Italian harbours are now said to be under German control and the Italian Secret Police is said to be directed by high Gestapo officials.

Consequently, Italy is now regarded in Washington as little more than a province of the Greater Reich.

There is good reason to believe that the German occupation of Italy is the cause of the United States asking Italy to close its consulates at Detroit (Michigan and Newark) and Rhode Island "for reasons of national policy" and to withdraw the personnel thereof from the consulates, which prevents transference of personnel to Italian consulates elsewhere in the United States.

THE REQUEST FOLLOWS THE RECENT ACTION BY ITALY IN ASKING THE UNITED STATES TO CLOSE ITS CONSULATES AT NAPLES AND PALERMO, WHICH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE OCCUPATION OF LARGE SECTIONS OF ITALY, PARTICULARLY SICILY, BY GERMAN TROOPS. — REUTER.

Movement Restricted

Movements of Italian consulate officials throughout the United States are to be restricted to areas in which they exercise their recognised official duties.

This is the burden of a Note sent by the State Department to the Italian Ambassador in Washington yesterday.

AN ICY SHOWER BATH

Great satisfaction regarding what they term the Soviet's blunt expression of disapproval over Germany's occupation of Bulgaria, is expressed by all leading newspapers in Istanbul.

The "Tan" declares: "The Soviets administer an icy shower bath to the Germans and Bulgarians."

The "Ikdam" says: "The Soviet Union, in an unusually hardened tone, shows great irritation over the presence of German troops in a region considered a Russian security zone only 70 miles from the region of the Dardanelles." — Reuter.

NAZI TROOPS 15 MILES FROM TURKISH BORDER

German troops, it was reported in Istanbul yesterday, are less than 15 miles from the Turco-Bulgarian frontier, says Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN

The London speech of Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, last Monday, discounting the inevitability of a conflict between Australia and Japan, caused no dissent in the Commonwealth Cabinet, stated Mr. Fadden, the acting Premier, in Melbourne yesterday.

Information now received by the War Council has checked Labour criticism of the speech. — Reuter.

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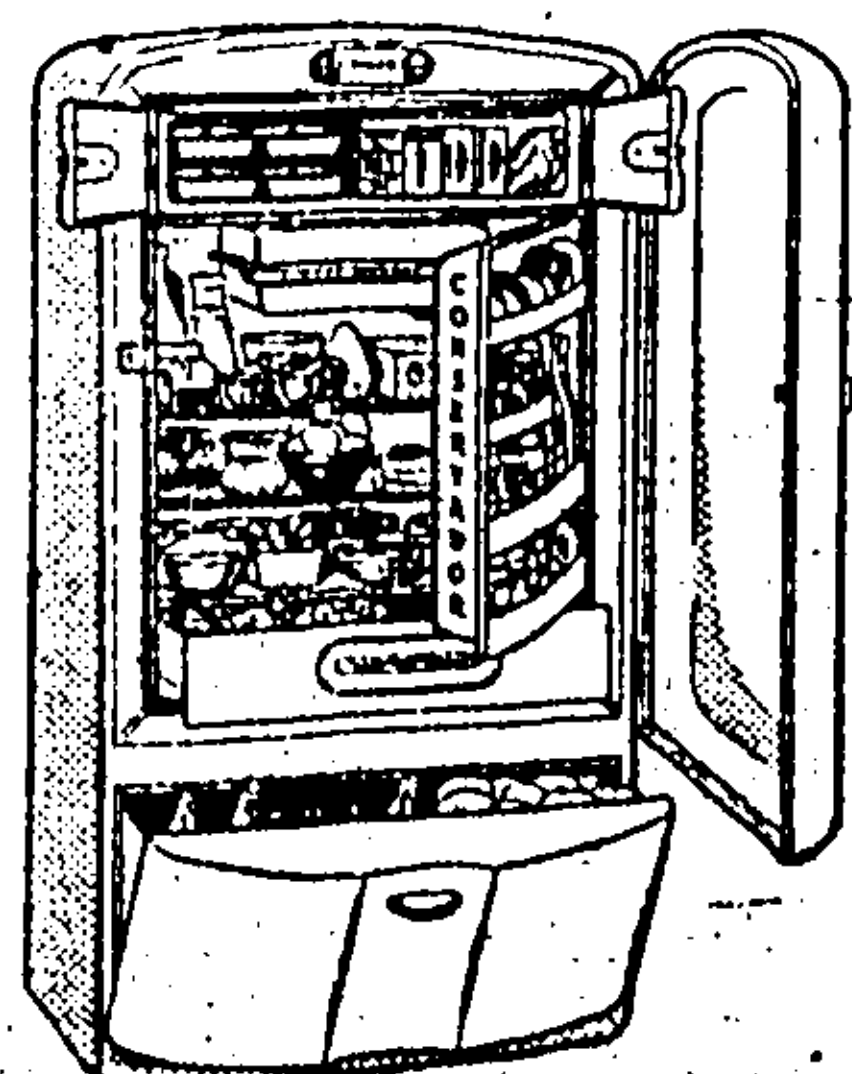
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JAPAN'S QUEST IN MOSCOW

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Inherent Rivalry To Be Overcome

THE LONDON "TIMES" yesterday published a special article dealing with relations between Japan and the Soviet in the Far East.

The present phase of Russo-Japanese relations, the article declared, can be traced back to the autumn of 1931, when Japan achieved the conquest of Manchuria.

Japan had been the object of suspicion to the Soviet regime ever since the prolonged occupation of Russian territory by Japanese troops during and after the Kolchak episode, eastern Siberia not being finally evacuated till 1922 and northern Saghalien not until 1925, when Japan first officially recognised the Soviet Government.

These suspicions were re-provoked at Tokyo, where the supposed designs of the Comintern were a favourite bugbear. But there was little contact between the two countries during these years and official relations, while formally correct, were wholly uneventful.

Frontier Incidents

All this changed when Japan, through the establishment of the puppet state of Manchukuo, acquired a long common frontier with the Soviet and with Moscow's vassal state of Outer Mongolia. Frontier incidents became the order of the day.

In the next years official cognizance was taken of no fewer than 184 such incidents.

Most famous of them—the clash on the Amur River in the early summer of 1937—was a prelude to Japan's undeclared war on China, which opened in July, 1937.

All-Clear Signal

Soviet Russia got the worst of the incident militarily and failed to react diplomatically and this revelation of weakness, popularly attributed to the recent purges in the party and army, was taken by Japan as an all-clear signal to

embark on the great Chinese adventure.

In the Russo-Japanese negotiations throughout this period Soviet Russia was the suitor for a non-aggression pact, which was more than once proposed by her and rejected by Japan. The high-handed seizure by Japan of the Russian-owned Chinese Eastern Railway was safely liquidated by the sale of the railway to Japan, or nominally to the state of Manchukuo.

Apart from recurrent frontier clashes the other principal apple of discord was fishery rights in Russian waters which had originally been conceded to Japan by the Treaty of Portsmouth in 1905.

Perpetual Friction

These were the subject of perpetual friction and of claims persistently asserted by Tokyo and no less persistently contested by Moscow, and of temporary agreements which refused to last. One of the many attempts to reach a settlement was rejected by Russia when Japan signed the Anti-Comintern Pact in 1936.

Soviet Russia had, however, not been idle in these years. The Amur frontier was fortified, the track of the Trans-Siberia Railway doubled, the Army of the Far East reinforced and a powerful air force built up—some based on the Arctic Islands.

Since 1937 Japan's preoccupation with the Chinese campaign and the partial military recovery of Russia have gradually tipped the balance in favour of the Soviet Government. Soviet help to China has been

intermittent but substantial and Japan has never been able to secure its cessation.

Nomonhan Clash

Most intensive of all outbursts of frontier warfare between Japan and Russia during the past 10 years occurred in the summer of 1939 in the region of Nomonhan, on the frontier of Outer Mongolia, and ended in a fairly decisive victory for the Soviet troops. JAPAN ADMITTED NO FEWER THAN 18,000 CASUALTIES IN THE TWO MONTHS' MINIATURE WAR.

A truce was patched up in September, 1939, after the conclusion of Stalin's pact with Ribbentrop and the outbreak of war in Europe.

Since that time Germany has not relaxed her efforts to bring about a detente between the two countries whose friendship and support she simultaneously covets; but the position between Japan and the Soviet is no longer that of the 'thirties.'

Japan The Suitor

Japan is now the suitor for a non-aggression pact and has agreed to 'reconsideration' of the fisheries question and might even be prepared to come to terms which did not include the abandonment by Russia of aid to China.

Meanwhile the Kremlin holds its hand, says nothing and no doubt awaits with curiosity the much-cavanned bid for rapprochement with Japan and will not miss an opportunity of making its power felt.

The fundamental rivalry between the two powers in the Far East will, however, remain. Each side has weaknesses and strong points. Siberia is scantily populated, especially in the east, but its enormous size makes it difficult to occupy effectively.

Japan's Position

Japan has the advantage in mobile and concentrated forces but the shortage of raw materials for war leaves her at the mercy of a boycott by the outside world and her great cities are open to air attack.

Russia probably is incapable of waging a war on two fronts.

But although her pact with Hitler is in itself a worthless insurance, her usefulness to Germany as a source of supply probably is a real safeguard in the West, at any rate for the present.

Her strategic position in the Far East is, however, unenviable, with Manchuria thrust into her territory like a great axe-head forming 2,000 miles of frontier with the Maritime Provinces, dangling

MR. EDEN RETURNS TO CAIRO

Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill have returned to Cairo from their visit to Athens, says a Reuter cable this morning.

helplessly at the far side and with no ice-free port.

Japanese Enmity

Japan, on the other hand, has cast aside her old friendship with Britain and has pursued a policy of open enmity to British trade and British interests in China, and she has cultivated bad relations with the United States.

Long View

In making war with Russia she would have to use as bases Korea, Manchuria and North China, all regions peopled by hostile conquered populations, only too eager to find an opportunity of making trouble for her.

On the long view Russia cannot contemplate with equanimity the Japan of the Tanaka Memorial—that alleged forgery of which it must be said 'someone very clever trevato'—a Japan ruling the whole western Pacific littoral.

Russia's hope of commercial expansion lies in trade with China and a China free, friendly and prosperous is necessary for trade.

The Japanese rulers have lost none of their fear and loathing of Communism, and the existence of Russia is a permanent obstacle to Japanese supremacy in China—unlike mere trading companies and the mission schools of Britain and the United States, which is the far easier British way.

Inherent Rivalry

Whether this real and inherent rivalry of the great Asiatic powers will preclude a bargain between them, or whether Stalin will think it worth while to buy temporary ease and some concrete advantage in Asia by compounding Japanese felonies, is an open question.

It is improbable that Russia

WILL LIVE TO REGRET

"Bulgaria will live to regret her decision."

CHEERS GREETED THIS STATEMENT BY MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHEN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ASKED YESTERDAY FOR PARTICULARS RESPECTING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH MINISTER FROM SOFIA.

Mr. Butler said that the reasons for the withdrawal were given in the Note presented to the Bulgarian Government and were briefly the presence of an ever increasing force of German troops on Bulgarian soil, the object of which could only be to menace and, if necessary, attack British ally, Greece.

The active cooperation of the Bulgarian Government in the German occupation was incompatible with the maintenance of British diplomatic representation in Bulgaria.

"His Majesty's Government have no doubt that Bulgaria will live to regret her decision."

The Speaker intervened and intimated that the matter did not arise when Mr. Butler was asked to particularise on the attitude of the Soviet Government towards the invasion of Bulgaria.—Reuter.

LONDON EVACUEES ARE LEARNING WELSH

Thousands of evacuated London schoolchildren are to demonstrate how Wales has taught them to speak and sing in a new language.

For several weeks they have been putting in overtime at school in the Welsh valleys polishing up their Welsh, and they will show their skill in songs and plays to Mr. A. Emil Davies, chairman of the London County Council, when he makes a whirlwind tour from Newport to the West.

would in any case offer any obstacle to the southward progress of Japan; she has no incentive to impede it and may even regard as advantageous to herself the increased tension between Japan and the English-speaking world which would ensue from such a policy.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S CLOSING OF CHINA DOOR

DIFFICULTIES PLACED in the way of British firms wishing to sell imported goods direct to consumers in occupied areas in China are still increasing, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the Commons at question time yesterday.

He was not in a position to say whether it was everywhere impossible to do so.

Mr. H. W. Kerr (Cons, Oldham), asked whether, as this was a gross violation of the Open Door policy, representations had been made to the Japanese Government.

Mr. Butler replied that these questions frequently had been taken up and the whole matter was under further consideration.

Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons, Bilston): "Are we working with America in this matter?"

Mr. Butler: "We always work with America."

Mr. Kerr next asked whether the Foreign Secretary was aware that the cost of the Japanese army in occupied China was largely met from revenue contributed by Ja-

pinese companies established under army supervision.

Monopoly Routes

Was the Foreign Secretary also aware that all exports from occupied China have to leave via traffic routes over which Japanese companies have been granted a monopoly, and was it proposed to take action to stop the resulting heavy tax on British traders?

Mr. Butler replied he could only repeat that as he informed the House on Feb. 26 the system of trade and exchange established by the Japanese tended to favour Japanese interests and the resultant effect on British trade had Government's constant attention.—Reuter.

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NEW SYSTEM OF RECRUITING TO INDIAN ARMY DISCUSSED

Resolution Of G.O.C. Adopted

THE RESOLUTION introduced in the Indian State Council by General Auchinleck, the G.O.C., for the recruiting for the Indian forces from all classes, was passed unanimously yesterday.

After reviewing the existing situation the G.O.C. said that for the last 80 years there had been no wars worth the name, civil or otherwise, within the frontiers of India proper.

Before this time there were three distinct armies in India, the armies of Madras, Bombay and Bengal.

The cessation of armed strife in the country and the removal of war and the threat of war on the north-western approaches to India resulted to some extent in rusting the two southern armies, particularly perhaps the Madras army.

Large-scale conversion of Madras into Punjab regiments was carried out by Lord Kitchener and he had considerable justification for the action.

Soldiers in Northern India made the fullest use of the opportunities thus offered and their record of gallantry and devotion to duty was second to none. India owes them a great debt.

War Expansion

Despite, however, the greater opportunities for service training afforded men of the north, the war of 1914/18 showed very clearly that many older but less well-known classes had by no means lost their spirit.

In that war expansion generally speaking followed the lines of the existing class composition of the army.

After the war the army was drastically reduced and under these circumstances one could hardly blame them for clinging to those races and classes which proved themselves as soldiers for a long period of years, instead of launching out in experiments with less well-trying material.

This war did not differ much from that of 1914.

New Units

It soon became obvious in India, as in other parts of the Commonwealth, that a speedy and vast expansion of the armed forces was necessary.

"Here I would like the House to consider how technical and complicated is the process of expanding and raising an army. To form new units one must have a leaven of trained officers and N.C.O.'s.

"The modern unit is a complicated and intricate fighting machine taking months to assemble in good running order.

"Generally speaking, the Indian Army is organised on a class basis, with units each composed of one class. The system is a long-standing one and owes its existence to the difficulties involved in administering a unit comprising men of all classes and creeds and of widely different habits.

Class Modification

"I do not say it is immutable. It has been and is being modified in certain directions already. The Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun is an outstanding example.

"I believe considerable progress in the abolition of class exclusiveness between rank and file has been made in the Royal In-

dian Navy and the Indian Air Force.

"These services, however, though important, are relatively small forces compared to the Army, which, moreover, has its own very strong and ancient traditions.

"To attempt to change these traditions and introduce radical alterations in the system of Army organisation in the middle of a war would, I think, be a most hazardous experiment.

"As a theory, a common system of enlistment, irrespective of class and creed, undoubtedly has much to recommend it. For the moment, however, we must build on what we know to be a firm foundation.

Traditional Lines

"For these reasons, the first expansion of the Army followed traditional lines and consisted largely, but by no means altogether, in the duplication of existing units, but progress is being made in the enlistment of other classes.

"Last week I saw at work the first regular Bengal unit a battery of heavy artillery. Also a Territorial force battalion of the Hyderabad Regiment, which enlisted solely from the province of Bihar. Also a Madras Territorial battalion, which though in existence barely six months, showed every sign of becoming a most useful acquisition to the Army."

The G.O.C. revealed that since war began the strength of the Madras Army had risen from 4,000 men to well over 10,000 and was still increasing.

The same process was proceeding in respect of other classes but it was a slow process because there were no established units from which the nucleus of Viceroy's commissioned and non-commissioned officers could be drawn.

Own Leaders

"With the present system of class composition I think it essential that men of each class should have their own leaders with whose speech and temperament they are familiar."

The G.O.C. announced he had already issued instructions that the old Madras Regiment, which finally disappeared in 1926, is to be revived and restored to its rightful place in the Army List.

The First Battalion of this Regiment, which would be a regular battalion, is to be raised forthwith and will carry on its colours the battle honours of the old Madras Army, some of which go back nearly 200 years.

"I hope before long to be able to ensure the permanent repre-

AIR VICE-MARSHAL BREESE KILL IN AIR CRASH

Air Vice-Marshal Breese has been killed on active service as a result of a flying accident.

The Vice-Marshal was appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 18 (Reconnaissance) Group in September, 1938, and was promoted Air Vice-Marshal in July last year.—Reuter.

sentation of other provinces hitherto unmentioned in the Army List in the same war."

Uniting India

Speakers from all parties then present in the House expressed satisfaction at the G.O.C.'s statement and urged that the policy enunciated in the resolution be carried out as early as possible.

Pandit Kunzru, to whose resolution the G.O.C.'s was a substitute, declared it was evident the G.O.C. intended to do something and that he was anxious to carry the Legislature with him and unite India in the prosecution of the war.—Reuter.

KING DECORATES SAILORS

Watched by a crowd of officers and men from warships, the King yesterday held a little ceremony in a dockyard when he decorated three Norwegian sailors with the British Distinguished Service Medal and also decorated eight seamen, petty officers and a Marine of the British Navy.

With Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief, Rosyth, the King boarded two warships and other warcraft which chase U-boats and sweep mines.

Belgian and Norwegian naval ratings mingled with British sailors and cheered him as he walked from the jetty.

The King also visited the Fleet Air Arm, and earlier, at Edinburgh, the King and Queen visited the first community feeding centre in Scotland, where 150 people were enjoying lunch of soup, roast beef and vegetables and sweets at a cost of 11d.

The Queen christened a catapult for a warship and in a factory the King and Queen had a long talk about Trade Unionism with three shop stewards.—Reuter.

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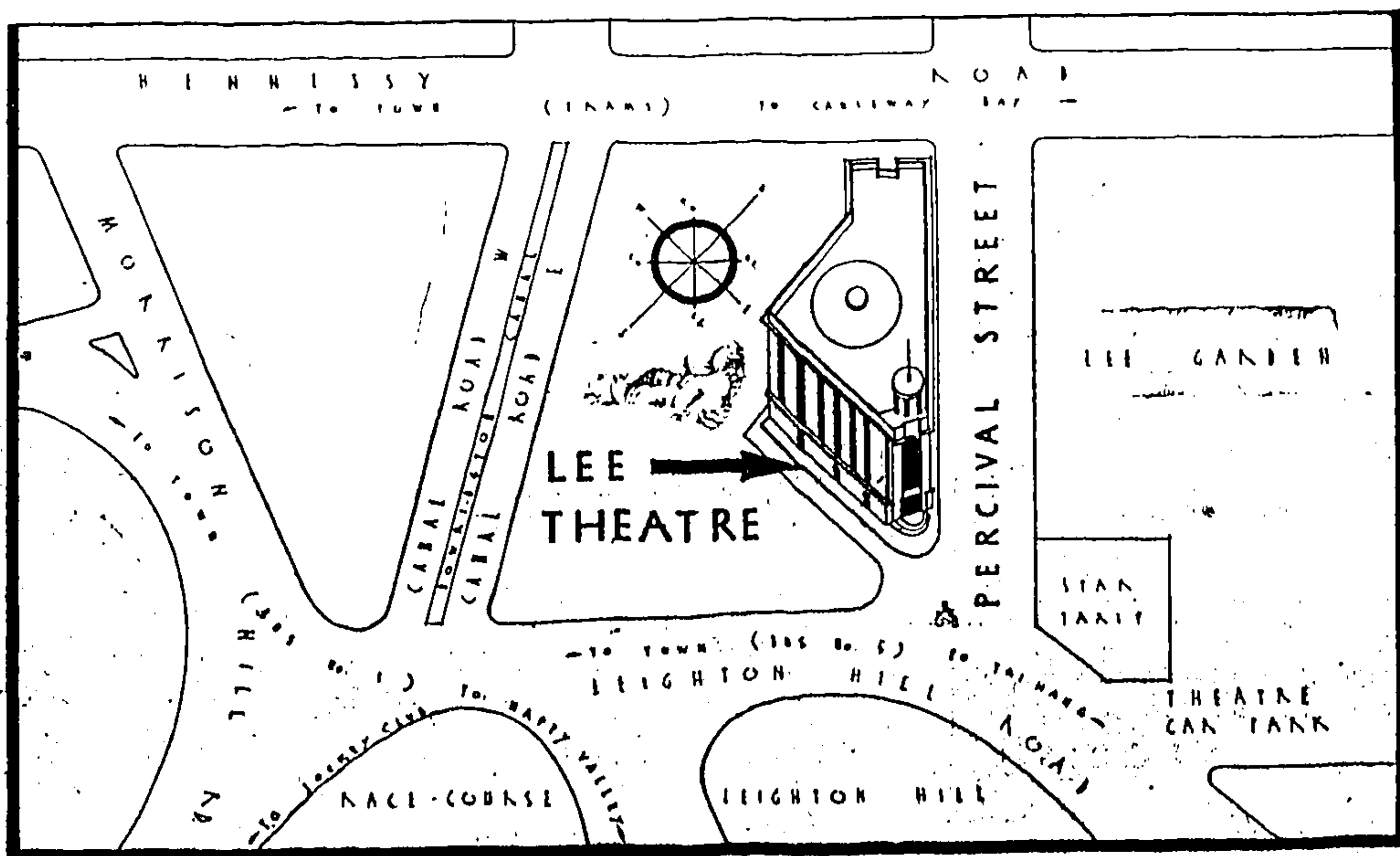
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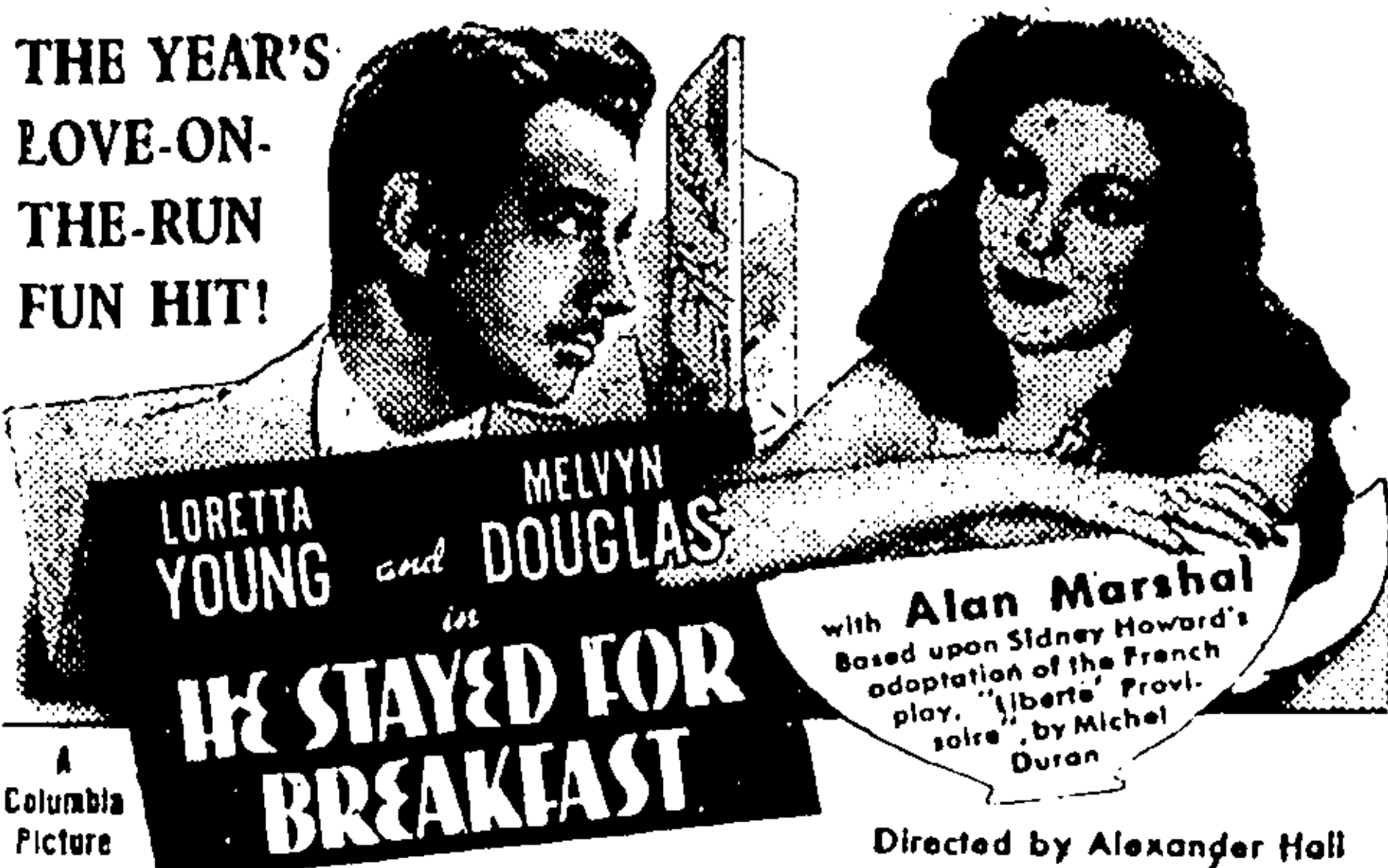
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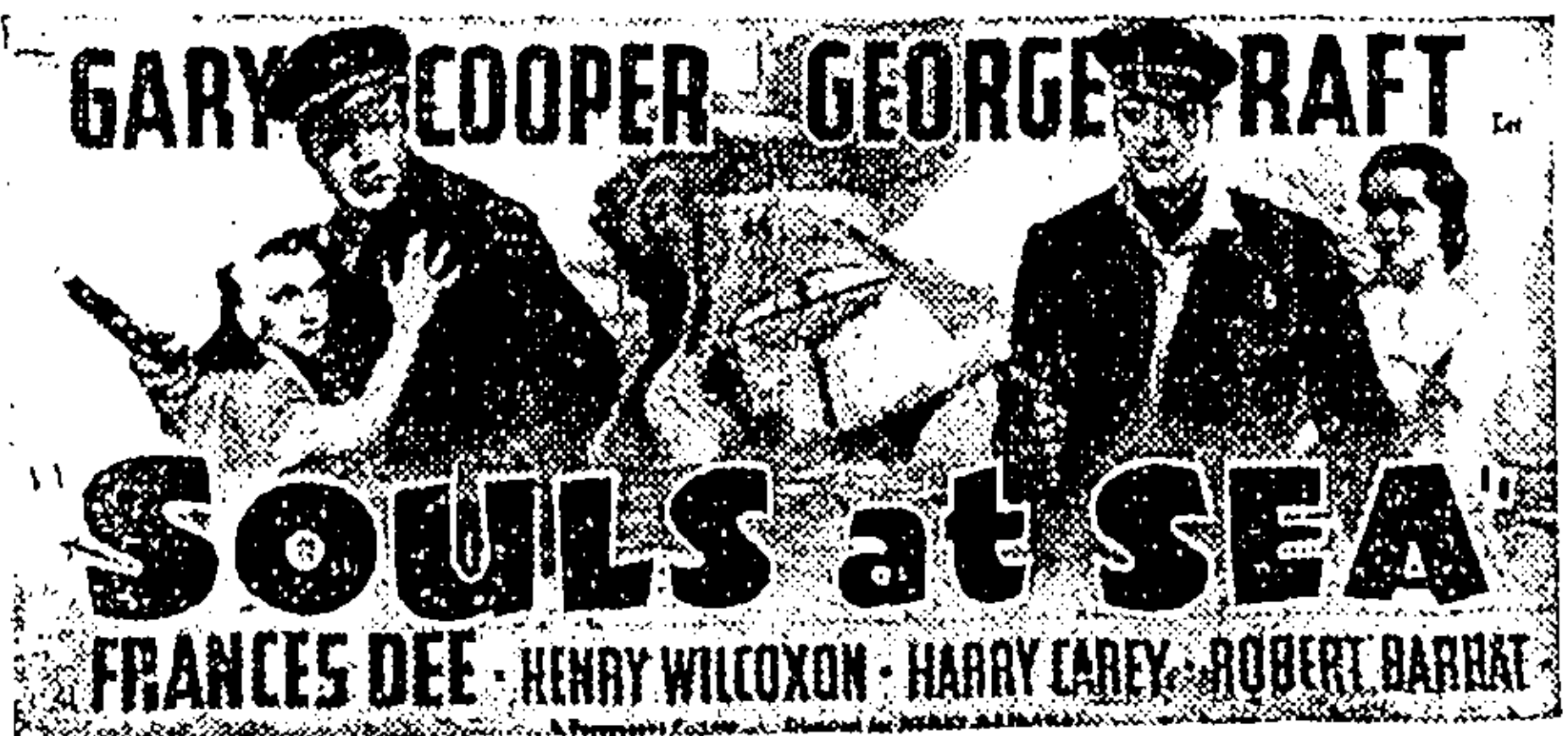


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GESTAPO TRAP IN HOLLAND

Street fights, strikes, sabotage and campaigns of organised insults to the German armed forces in Holland, are giving the Gestapo such trouble that they have resorted to setting traps in the hope of catching the organisers by a "help Britain" bait.

Radio Orange—the Dutch Government broadcasting station in Britain—has issued a warning to loyal Dutch not to be caught by Gestapo tricks, and yesterday's issue of "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, disclosed the sort of trap the Gestapo laid and it is believed very successfully recently.

Gestapo agents, says the paper, deliberately spread a story that all those young men who wished to join the Netherlands Legion in Britain should report at certain country districts, where there was a large isolated lake.

A British flyingboat, it was said, had been landing on the lake and took off volunteers thought suitable for the Legion.

The Gestapo were waiting at the scene when the would-be volunteers arrived and all those trapped by the Gestapo are stated to be in the Scheveningen Prison. — Reuter.

DUTCEN CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Sixteen Dutchmen have been condemned to death by the military court at The Hague, says a despatch to the German news agency yesterday.

Remainder of 43 accused, the message adds, have been sent to prison or fined except six, who were acquitted.

The men were charged with sabotage, espionage, and plotting to assassinate German soldiers by the use of poisoned pencils, drawing-pins and drinks.

Accused were alleged to belong to a secret society whose aim was to make the life of the German occupation troops as difficult as possible. — Reuter.

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Which is why the War Office was shocked to hear that a rifle was found in London, abandoned in a train as casually as though it had been a peace-time gump.

"Never heard of such a thing," said an official in hushed tones. "The Army takes a serious view of that sort of forgetfulness."

"But in this case the man will be lucky. His rifle has been recovered, so he won't have to buy a new one. He would certainly have to pay up if his rifle hadn't turned up and he had no good explanation."

"Many rifles are lost on active service, of course, but they are replaced without charge to the soldier."

"Fortunately, the men are extremely careful about their equipment. A lost rifle is so rare as to be an event."

**BALLOONS STRAY TO
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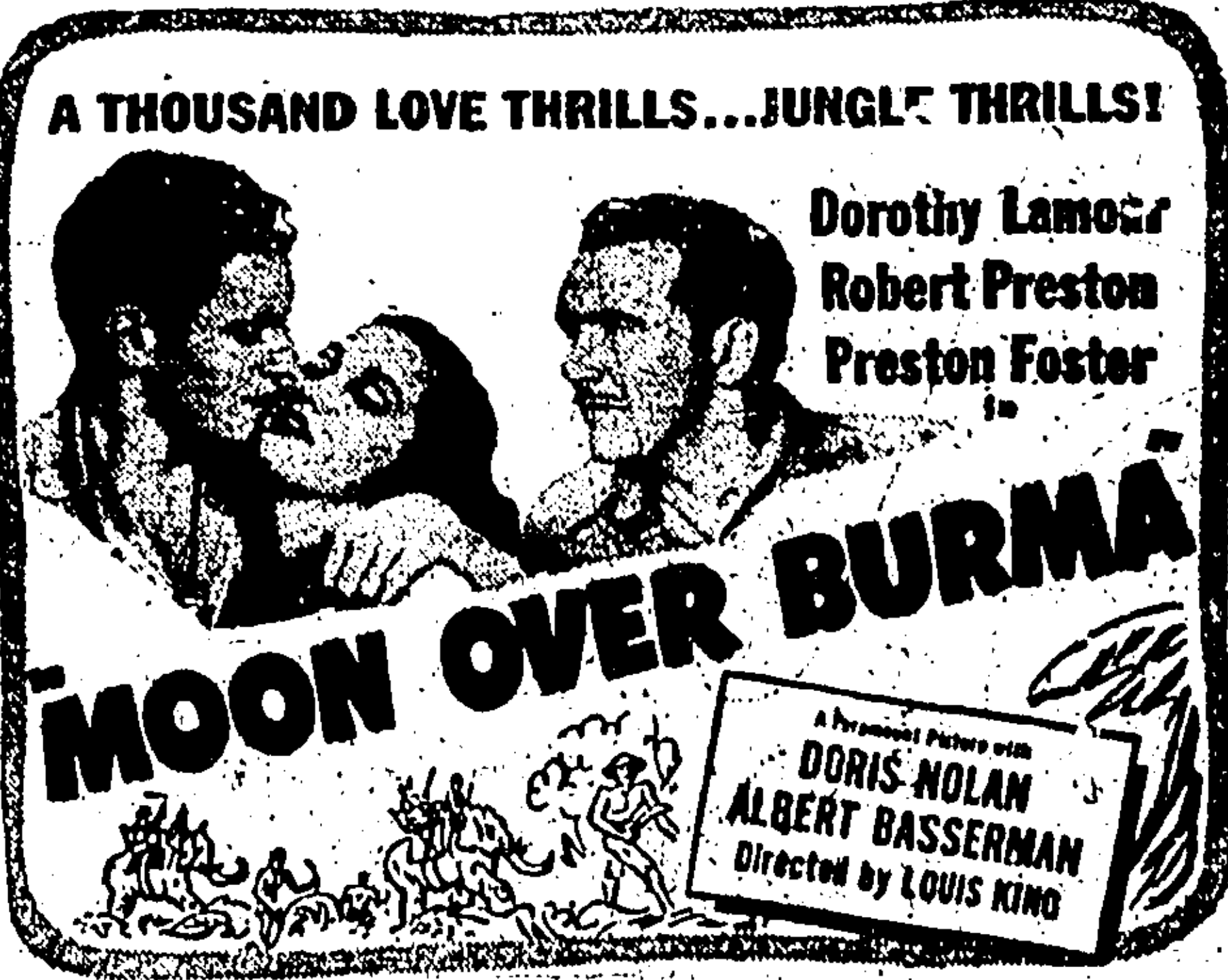


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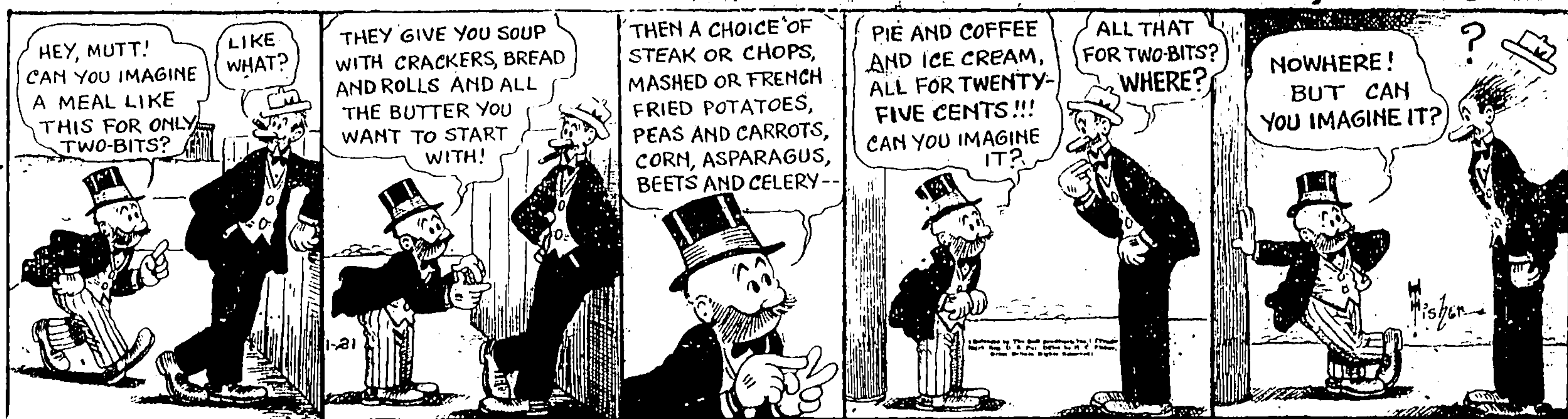


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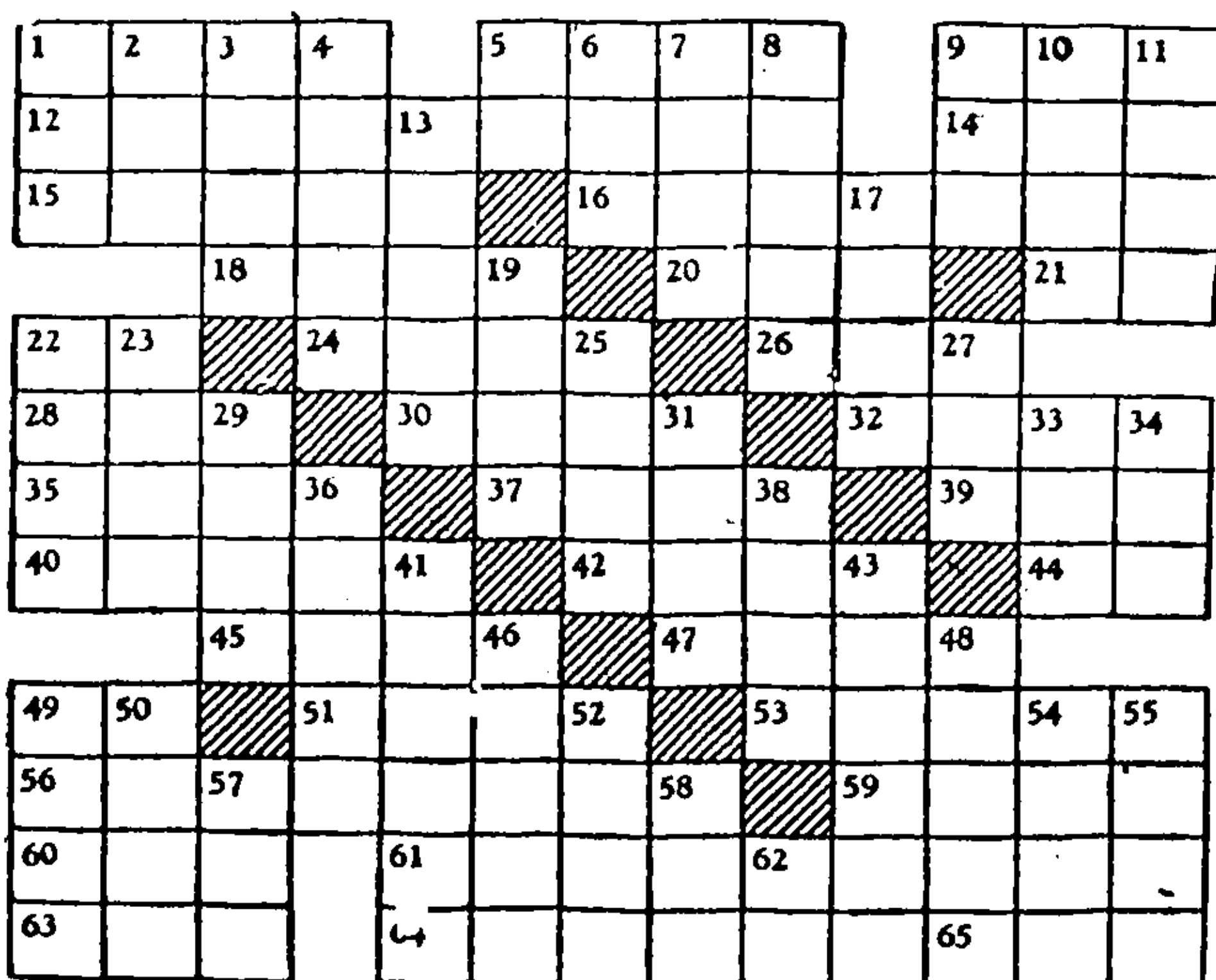
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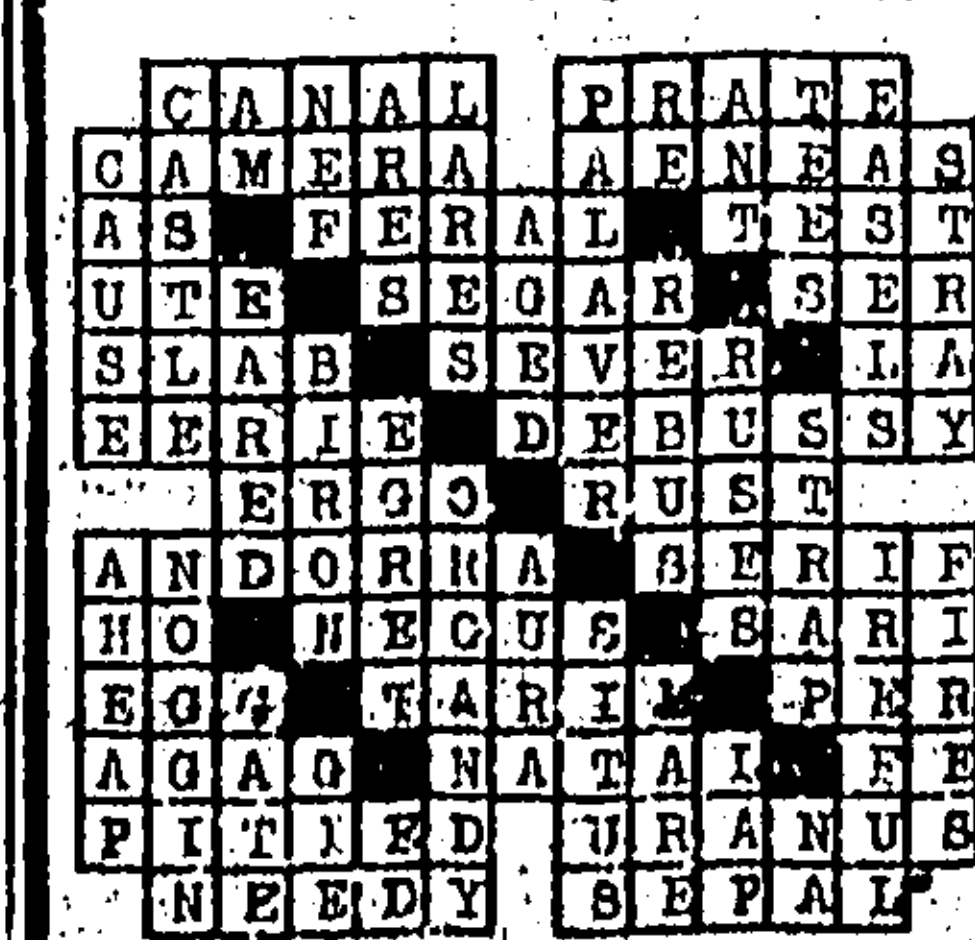
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- 12 Laughable
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- 15 Feeble-minded
- 16 To marry
- 18 Gull-like bird
- 20 Music; three
- 21 Spanish article
- 22 Babylonian deity
- 24 Heavenly city of God (var.)
- 26 Beam
- 28 To fasten
- 30 Third of a yard
- 32 For fear that
- 33 Burden
- 37 Tidy
- 39 Resort
- 40 Dyeing
- 42 T. spring
- 44 Symbol for yttrium
- 45 To talk to no purpose
- 47 Italian coin
- 49 White
- 51 Man's name

VERTICAL

- 1 Wing
- 2 Sweetened roll
- 3 To redact
- 4 Thin piece of clay (pl.)
- 5 Land measure
- 6 Builder of the ark
- 7 To eject
- 8 Turkish coin
- 9 Pronoun
- 10 Part of a church

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



QUISLING REPORTS TO BERLIN

Quisling has again gone to Berlin, apparently to tell Goebbels at first hand about the prevailing disorder in Norway and the continual strife in every town and village.

At present the most pronounced activity is in the schools, where teachers scarcely dare to protect children of pro-Quislingists against the great majority of the children. Quisling's newspaper "Fritt Folk" threatens teachers with "moral labour" and a prolongation of the holidays if they continue to show this passivity towards opponents of the "new order," and many teachers and several score of pupils are already reported to have been arrested. The Quislingist Press declares that its "patience is exhausted."

Observers report a resurgence of Reich Commissioner Terboven's dissatisfaction with Quisling's progress. They think it is impossible that Quisling will ever be able to govern a country where practically everyone detests his personality, and many expect a new Norwegian leader, possibly Mogens, will be chosen by the Germans. Similarly, Denmark expects the supplanting of Fritz Clausen by some other leader of Nazism in that country.

A German extraordinary tribunal at Poznan has sentenced to death a further nine Poles for allegedly maltreating Germans in September, 1939. Twenty-two others have been sentenced to imprisonment, and three have been acquitted for lack of evidence.

SURVEYORS' INSTITUTION

At the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and China Branch of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution on Tuesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

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After complaining that neighbours had accused her of being a spy and a fifth columnist and had forced her to give up her home, a woman, fined 10s. at Bedford for black-out offence, burst into tears and said, "This is the last straw."

The woman, Mrs. Mabel Gregory, of Kennedy Road, Bedford, added that should could not pay the fine as she was only receiving an Army allowance from her husband. She was given seven days in which to pay.

She said that the gossip of her neighbours was compelling her to forfeit a £40 deposit on her house, which she had to leave.

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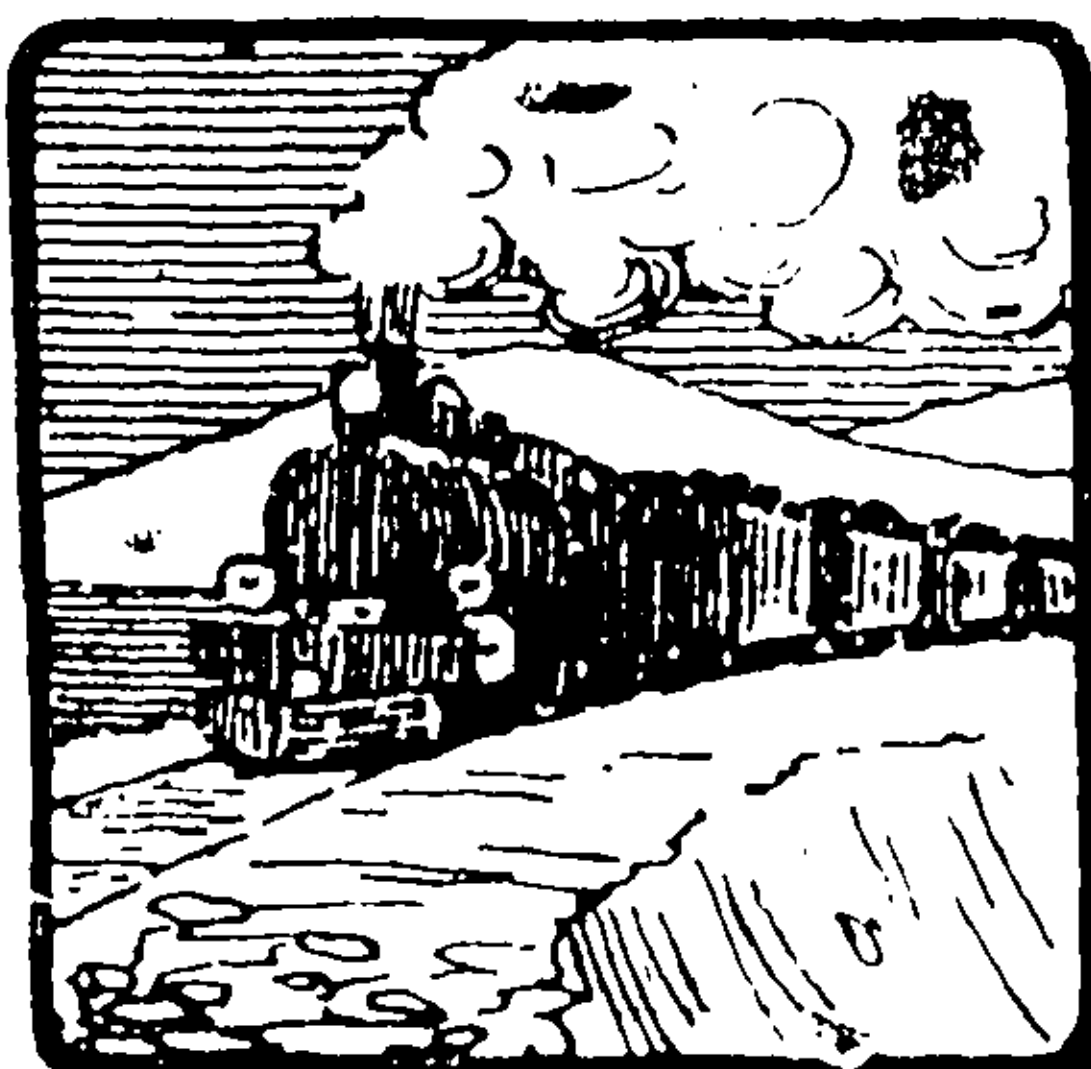
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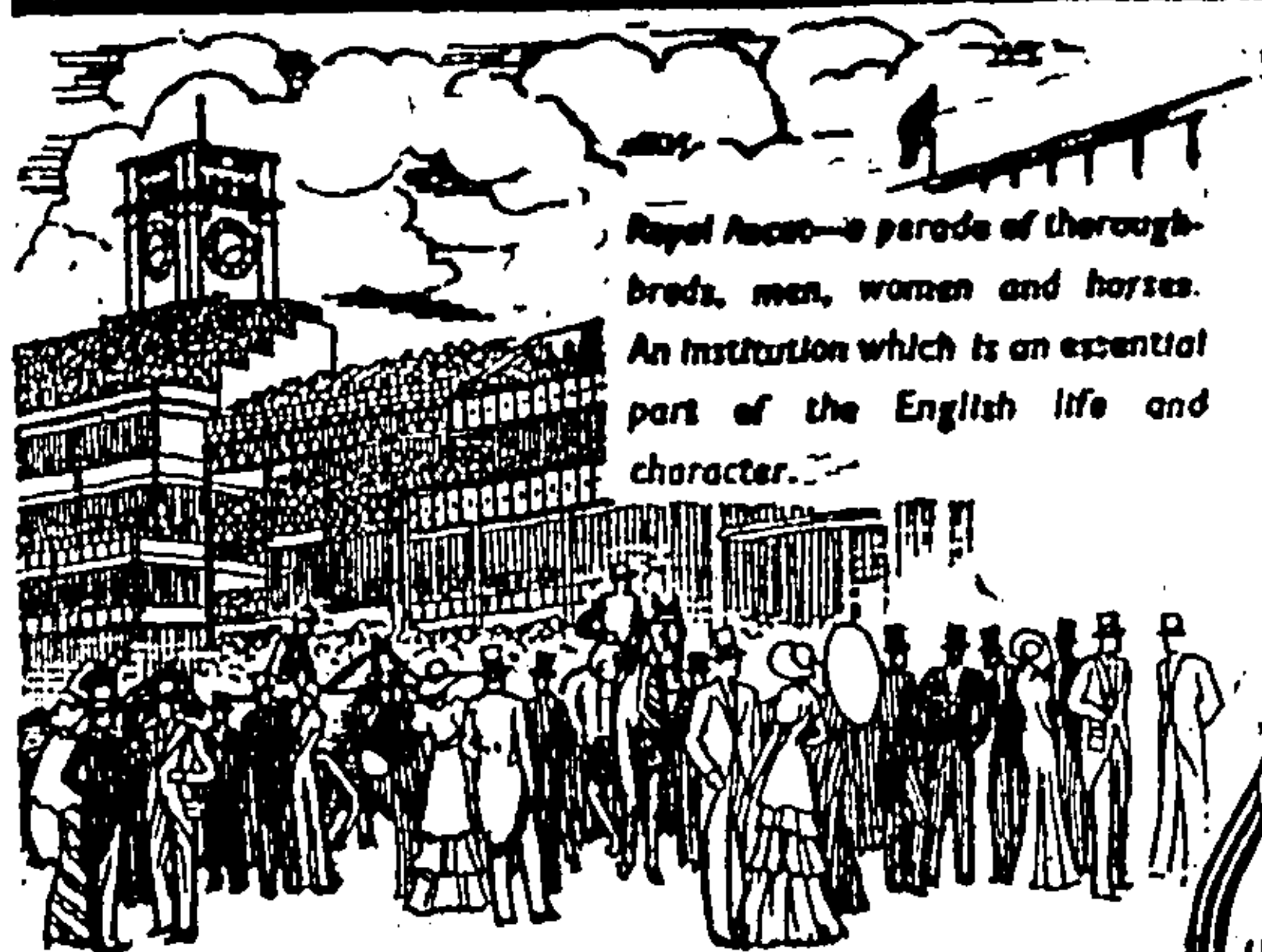
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MAJOR MILITARY SUCCESS OF THE ABYSSINIAN PATRIOTS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent
Somewhere In Abyssinia)

THRUSTING THROUGH parched mountainous country, the Abyssinia Patriot Army, led by British and Australian officers, scored their first major military success with the capture of the well-fortified market town of Burye which was evacuated on Tuesday.

The fall of Burye follows relentless guerilla activities of which cavalry behind the Italian lines formed a part.



Melvyn Douglas, who co-stars with Loretta Young in "He Stayed for Breakfast," playing to capacity houses at the King's Theatre.

MOTHER TO 500 CHILDREN

Mrs. Rose Marie Harris, is "mother" to 500 children and has brought another into the world in a canteen.

Mrs. Harris, who is thirty-four, is childless herself. She is "fairly god-mother," too, to all the people who use an East End shelter every night.

The reason is that in three months she has turned a bare shelter in Stratford, London, E., into some thing like home.

Three months ago the shelterers had nothing. Now, they have boarded-in floors, bunks, canteens and a first-aid post.

There are shelter marshals, first-aid and canteen workers all voluntary.

Mother Christmas

Decorations were already going up for a party when I visited the shelter, writes a special correspondent.

There was no difficulty in finding Mrs. Harris among the many shelterers. Everyone knew her.

I was told how night after night when the canteen closed at ten o'clock and the shelterers turned in she would walk round making sure that blankets were wrapped securely around the children.

"Badgered" Council

And of how, during the last few days, she had spent her nights at work in the shelter and then gone "scrounging" during the daytime among the local tradesmen seeking gifts for the party.

Nothing seems beyond the capabilities of Mrs. Harris, whose husband is a first-aid worker. Recently a woman was taken ill during the night and Mrs. Harris was sent for. She ordered her immediate removal to a canteen, where the lighting was better.

Swift orders were given to canteen worker Jack Dunham and shelter marshal George Towse to get plenty of hot water.

Within a few minutes an 8lb. baby son was born to Mrs. Daisley, twenty-seven-year-old wife of a scrap metal merchant.

Mrs. Daisley already has a baby son and daughter, and now the three children shelter nightly with Mrs. Harris keeping an ever-watchful eye on their welfare.

Shelter Marshal Towse said: "Everything we have got we owe to the energies of Mrs. Harris. She has badgered council officials."

Mrs. Harris said: "I feel that it is the duty of everyone to be neighbourly and help each other at such a time."

"That's all I'm doing, and if it helps to win the war I'm satisfied."

Previous advances have been largely the result of Italian withdrawals but Burye was defended by Italian artillery, wire fortifications and a garrison estimated at two brigades.

The next point of any importance along the road to Addis Ababa is Debra Marcos, some 40 miles nearer the capital, but it is believed that this is no more strongly defended than Burye.

Strategic Road

The strongest natural defence now existing between the Patriot Army and Addis Ababa is the beginning of the Blue Nile a further 30 miles on and this is a large canyon about a mile deep.

Debra Marcos is situated at a road junction which includes the strategic road from Addis Ababa to Gondar. The cutting of this road would be a serious blow for the Italians. — Reuter.

CHINESE DIVER DROWNED

A 45-year-old Chinese diver, employed by the naval authorities at Aberdeen was drowned on Tuesday afternoon.

The man, Nip Tam, is believed to have met his death as a result of the development of a leak in the diver-suit which he wore while working below the surface.

TREASURE STORE IN A CAVE

A tiny stone quarry "somewhere in Britain" is soon to be filled with priceless art treasures belonging to the nation.

There they will stay, safe from bombs and looters until the end of the war.

Workmen who are preparing the cave in the heart of a mountain have been sworn to secrecy. A Government official is in charge.

Nearly the ordinary work of the quarry goes on. It will continue to do so, even after the secret arrival of lorries to fill the treasure cave.

The quarry is miles from any town, high in a mountain range. It can only be reached by a low-gear climb along a winding car track.

IT'S JUST A DAY'S WORK FOR RAIL BOMB SQUAD

(By A London Correspondent)

"THERE IS A BOMB on the permanent way between 'Railjunct' and 'Bridgestation.' Work will start on this at daylight," came the matter-of-fact voice of the railway official telephoning through the barrage in the small hours.

I reached "Railjunct" just as it was getting light. They are getting to work on it at once.

We follow the gangs of platelayers who are on the spot the moment it is possible to work without lights. The bomb has heaved up the rails into a cambered bend like a scenic railway. Very quickly arrangements are made to carry traffic on another track. Notice that this hole in the road is not being roped off: nor is all traffic diverted.

By nine o'clock they have filled up the crater and made a level bed for the sleepers. The gangster of the platelayers sights along the rails (they call it "fetting the road"); then he pulls out his watch and he and the Inspector announce that normal traffic will be running by 11.30 a.m.

More intricate work is the repair of bombed signals and bridges. I went on to where a signal gantry had been hit and lay sprawled across the line. Here, also platelayers were already at work on the track, while separate teams of men had started on the signalling system.

"The police came and got me

out of my shelter during the night with a message to come and attend to this," said Inspector Walter Reed, cheerfully enough.

"Can Hamm Say This?"

"You may be trundling (possibly at "caution" speed) over that very same spot as you read this morning's paper—the track already repaired, the signal wire already skilfully extemporised into a working pattern. During every night of bombing, these teams of railway workers are assembling.

They work in hours and minutes while the holes in the city streets and country lanes linger on for weeks.

"And believe it or not," adds the signal specialist—musing over a whole Heath Robinson vista of wires and devices—"we have always had our roads going some how the next day."

Somebody, amid a shower of oxy-acetylene sparks, is muttering aloud, "Can Hamm say as much

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THAILAND'S ASPIRATIONS

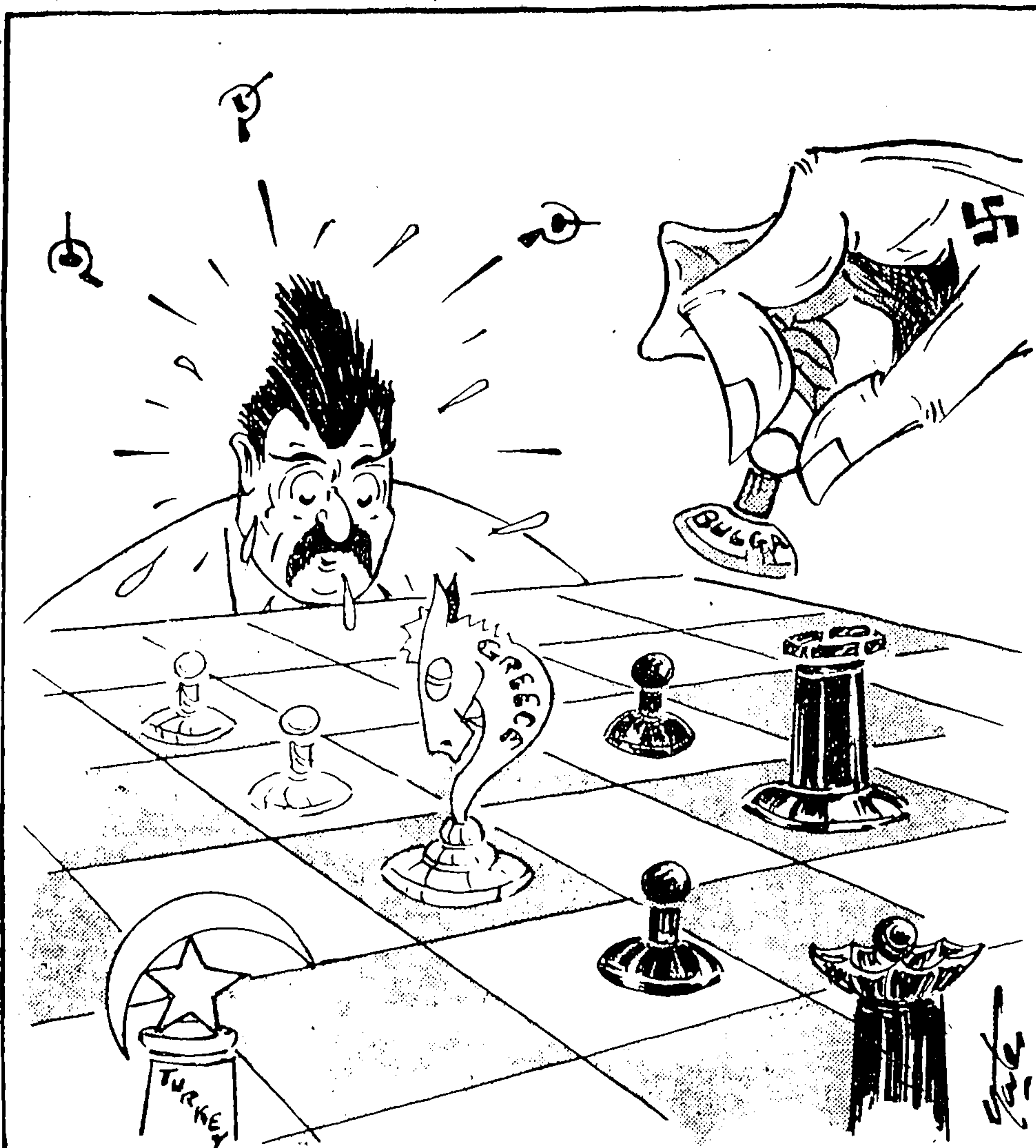
The history of French relations with Thailand over the period of the last century provides sufficient evidence of successive French encroachments of an imperialistic nature to justify Bangkok's enthusiastic welcome of Japan's 'mediation' proposals as requiring nothing of France which is not Thailand's just due.

Were this the sole issue involved, indeed, a dispute between two countries with an arbitrator's award resisted by one of the two parties, there would be little disposition to show any more patience with France than is at present being exhibited by Japan.

The whole of the circumstances connected with the episode, however, suggest very strongly that Japan's has been the guiding hand from the beginning, and that, wittingly or unwittingly, Thailand has permitted herself to be exploited as a tool in a bigger and more dangerous game. The protracted negotiations in Tokyo, for this reason, are being watched with close attention not unmixed with anxiety.

The final outcome, at the moment, cannot be predicted, but it is desirable that, if the worst comes to the worst, Thailand should bear in mind that she has other friends besides Japan. In September last she ratified a non-aggression pact with Britain which had been signed three months earlier. This caused much satisfaction in London, where it was felt that the treaty would have an important bearing on the part which Thailand may have to play as a factor for stability and peace in South-Eastern Asia. That is only if the renamed "Land of the Free" insists on being allowed to work out its own destiny. As no more than a pawn in Japan's "New Order" strategy, Thailand will realise, when it is too late, that in the totalitarian scheme of things small nations must only be puppets and the weak have no rights.

THE BALKAN CHESSBOARD



HITLER: "YOU DIDN'T KEEP THAT PIECE COVERED, DID YOU, JOE?"

Let's Have Some Nice Fresh Air

If a Gallup inquiry were held into the popular attitude to fresh air, I wonder which side would get the more votes—the advocates of fresh air or its enemies.

Those who dislike fresh air have, I think, the greater energy and are probably the more pugnacious. They have already succeeded in fixing a derogatory epithet on their opponents in the public mind and have made them infamous as "fresh air fiends."

This is good propaganda, and the lovers of fresh air have done nothing to counter it. They might have retorted with "fug fiends," but they are a patient race not given to revenge.

Not only in words but in deeds do the haters of fresh air show a superior activity. If a hater of fresh air gets into a railway compartment he will begin almost before he has taken his seat plotting and planning how to get the window shut.

It does not matter if he is sitting with his back to the engine or in the far corner from the window: he hates the thought that any trickle of fresh air should be allowed to invade the compartment and prevent the atmosphere from becoming soporific.

A little man of this temper came into a compartment in which I was sitting the other day and at once began staring miserably at the window, that was open beside me. Other people came in and filled the compartment not only with themselves but with tobacco-smoke, but the little man kept fussing in his seat, coughing, and holding his coat-collar higher round his neck, while every now

and then he would cast a look of anguish at the window.

As it was a beautiful sunny afternoon—a spring day out of season—I hardened my heart and pretended not to see his misery. At last, however, he rose to his feet, leaned over to me and made the earnest appeal: "Would you

By
Robert Lynd

mind having the window up a little?" Not having the determination of a fresh air hater, I yielded and pulled up the window, leaving only an inch open at the top.

Even that did not make the little man happy; and, indeed, it is my opinion that an inch of window in a railway train sometimes lets in a more malicious draught than a wide-open window.

Anyhow, the little man sat, with his head in his hands, making the most extraordinary noises in his throat, so that the passengers were afraid he was going to have a seizure. I am perfectly sure that this was all make-believe, because, when at last he got the window shut, his whole appearance changed and it was clear that he was as hale a man as is to be found in the Home Counties.

I am not myself, I may say, an out-and-out fresh air fiend. I have sat in a train hating just like anybody else the person who kept a window open.

I remember travelling from Brighton one day during a coal

strike when there was no heating in the carriages. The day was icy, and an east wind was blowing, yet a young woman sitting in a corner kept the window wide open beside her as she read her novel.

The rest of us were all men, and none of us had the courage to ask her to behave with common humanity. As we shivered in our seats, we stared at her with detestation, and exchanged meaning and malevolent glances with each other. But she was apparently unconscious of her unpopularity.

I remember in particular one passenger with a red moustache whose nose got bluer and bluer as his feet got colder. When he arrived at London and the woman went off down the platform he turned to me with the frost of hatred sparkling in his eyes and said with intense bitterness: "The next time she goes by train she should travel on the roof."

It is seldom, however, that a fresh air fiend in a train gets his or her way in this fashion. I can remember only one other instance of a fresh air fiend successfully opposing the wishes of the rest of the passengers.

He was asked to close the window, though the day was mild. He said: "It's only fair to warn you, gentlemen, that I'm suffering from a bad attack of influenza, and, if the window is shut, some of you may become infected with the germs." The proposal to shut the window was not proceeded with.

I have often wondered whether the man really had influenza or whether he had merely discovered a clever trick by which he could

History Repeats

At the beginning of the last World War Bulgaria had entered into negotiations with the Allies thinking that she would recover some of the territory lost in the Balkan War of 1913. The people favoured the cause of the Allies, and many of the leading statesmen of Bulgaria were pro-Russian, but the Czar Ferdinand and his supporters leaned towards Berlin and

By W. Rees Harriss

Vienna, who promised them an outlet on the Aegean as well as the Greek territory of Epirus. Ferdinand's policy resulted in a secret treaty with the Central Powers, and only became known to the people when Bulgaria commenced military operations on the side of Germany with an attack on Serbia in the late Autumn of 1915.

This action aroused the wrath of the then Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Sazonoff, resulting in the breaking off of diplomatic relations. The ultimatum sent by Russia to Bulgaria followed on a statement containing these words: The whole Russian nation is aroused by the unthinkable treachery of Ferdinand and his government to the Slavic cause. Bulgaria owes her independence to Russia, and seems now willing to become a vassal of Russia's enemies.

The opening words of the Russian ultimatum are almost applicable to the situation which has preceded Bulgaria's present alignment with Germany, viz:—

"Events which are taking place in Bulgaria at this moment give evidence of the definite decision of King Ferdinand's Government to place the fate of its country in the hands of Germany. The presence of German and Austrian officers at the Ministry of War and on the staffs of the army, the concentration of troops on the zone bordering on Serbia, no longer leave any doubt as to the object of the military preparations of Bulgaria." The ultimatum concluded with the words:—"The Russian Minister has, therefore, received orders to leave Bulgaria with all the staffs of the Legation and the Consulates, if the Bulgarian Government does not within twenty-four hours break with the enemies of the Slav cause and Russia, and does not at once proceed to send away the officers belonging to the armies of states who are at war with the powers of the Entente."

A similar ultimatum was sent at the same time by Great Britain and France.

The Bulgarian Government emboldened by the thought that German arms must eventually triumph, flouted the ultimatums. She denied the presence of German officers on the staffs of the Bulgarian army, and even if they were present, she said, it was the concern of Bulgaria only.

How Ferdinand lost his throne and Bulgaria finally collapsed are common knowledge.

get his way about keeping windows open in railway trains.

On the whole, I think fresh air is becoming more popular than it used to be. Behind black-out curtains we miss those agreeable currents of air that used to prevent stagnation. In air-raid shelters, too, many of the shelterers must long for the return of the amenities of a draughty home.

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THE FREEDOM OF NORWAY NO LONGER PLEDGED

SWEDISH PRESS reports from well-informed Oslo sources state that the German occupation authorities have informed Major Vidkun Quisling's government that it must not count on the re-establishment of Norway's independence even after a German victory.

A German promise of such independence had until now constituted the chief incentive and propaganda theme of the Quislingists.

The report states that the Germans declared the prerequisite for the liberation of Norway would be complete acceptance by her people of the Nasjonal Samling [Norwegian Nazi party] and its ideals. A condition to the ultimate withdrawal of German troops is the creation of Norwegian armed forces sufficiently strong for the defence of the country.

Far from encouraging the Norwegian defence preparations, the German military authorities recently decided to build fortifications for themselves in Norway, which the Swedish press says "cannot be looked upon as provisional but definitely of a permanent character."

That there has been such a German warning, coinciding with the visit of Heinrich Himmler, head of all German police, seems corroborated by the recent change in the attitude of Major Quisling's administration and propagandists toward the problem of future Norwegian independence.

Major Quisling, who previously had always emphatically declared Norway would regain her freedom after a German victory, now says only that "Norway will regain her freedom to the greatest possible extent."

That the tension in Norway is close to the breaking point is deduced by the Swedish press from leaflets distributed throughout Norway by a secret patriotic organisation, asking Norwegians to abstain from too hasty and violent actions against the Quislingists and German soldiers. "The day will come," say the leaflets, "when we shall all together go into action, but not before the signal

has been given. Passive resistance, however, must continue."

Arms Smuggled

Unconfirmed reports say small British and Norwegian craft are smuggling arms into Norway at night, dropping them at agreed places, where they are picked up by Norwegian patriots.

Presumably as a result of Herr Himmler's visit, the Quislingists are reported trying to teach prison wardens sadism. Many wardens are said to have resigned rather than comply with orders that "instructions for the humane treatment of political prisoners no longer have validity" and those who do not "show an accommodating spirit" must be treated brutally.

Especially hard treatment prevails in Oslo's Moellegate prison, the Swedish press reports. A prison warden, Hjalmar Jensen, and a prison cashier, Mrs. Jaura Leiche, are said to have been dismissed because they dared report to the German authorities brutalities practiced in the prison.

Decrees Put Above Review

The newly appointed Norwegian Supreme Court has ruled unanimously that no Norwegian court is competent to test, with respect to international law, the decrees issued by the German Reichskommissar.

Decrees issued by Norwegian authorities with the approval of the Reichskommissar also are free from Supreme Court review. Members of the former Sup-

ANTI-NAZI JOKES IN AUSTRIA

The Nazis are finding that there is one thing they cannot crush in the countries they have overrun. It is a sense of humour. More and more, humour is being used as a weapon against the conquerors.

In a message the Special Correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" in Budapest reported that in Austria anti-Nazi jokes are now heard in public which formerly would have meant the arrest of the perpetrators.

A neutral business man who arrived in Budapest from Vienna stated that discontent was growing. Baldur von Schirach, once Reich Youth Leader and now Nazi Commissioner of Vienna, is so hated that citizens would prefer the return of his predecessor in office, Buerckel, who became Gauleiter for the Saar.

Criticism is much more open than it was six months ago, and cabaret artists often venture the most astounding jokes at the expense of the regime. The Gestapo considers that in such cases it is more diplomatic not to make arrests.

In a recent football match between Austrian and Reich teams the Germans were constantly booed and hissed. Later the Austrians set fire to the motor-coach which was to take the Germans home.

The Dutch Way

In Holland, Dutch humour is annoying the Nazis. These stories against the Germans, published in "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper, have been received from various Dutch correspondents.

The principal bookseller in The Hague was ordered to remove a small portrait of Queen Wilhelmina from his window. He immediately replaced it by a gigantic photograph of Hitler. Beside it was a book by Ma Braun, the famous Dutch swimming teacher, with the title "How to Swim."

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PROGRAMME OF BRITISH AID MAPPED

WHEN THE LEASE-LEND bill passes, Great Britain will obtain at once about \$500,000,000 worth of the United States war "tools" which Prime Minister Churchill called for in a radio address.

This was revealed in Washington official quarters where it was asserted that the Treasury was compiling a list of aeroplanes, field artillery, machine guns, merchant ships and other supplies which could be made available to the British from United States stocks without stripping our armed forces.

It was said that "some" flying fortresses were among the aeroplanes which would be assigned to Britain after passage of the bill. The field guns to be shipped, the same source said, consisted entirely of World War 75's, which might not be of great use in Britain but could be used in other areas where Britain and her Allies are fighting.

As far as merchant ships flying the United States flag are concerned, as many as can be spared will be sold, leased or lent to Britain. A list of merchant vessels, which officials regarded as dispensable was being compiled. With Danish ships in American ports being diverted to South American service, officials said that many United States merchant vessels might be freed for transfer.

Cruisers For Battleships?

Although the lease-lend bill as it passed the House authorised transfer of \$1,300,000,000 worth of war materials purchased under prior appropriations, care is being exercised not to ship arms needed in America, officials said.

Secretary Knox was represented as having vetoed transfer of any more destroyers to Great Britain at this time. Talk continued in diplomatic quarters, however, that some light, fast cruisers might be traded for British battleships, which are of less use in closed waters.

President Roosevelt is considering the question of utilising some of the country's surplus farm commodities, including cotton, in providing aid to Great Britain under the lease-lend measure, Senator Russell of Georgia said after a White House conference.

"The suggestion has been made that the lease-lend bill applies to agricultural products, and there seems general agreement that it does," Senator Russell told reporters.

"I am, therefore, very hopeful that some of our surplus agricultural commodities, particularly cotton, can be handled through the bill."

Quick Turnout

Secretary Hull said that the State Department was urging other agencies of the govern-

ment to bring about the speediest possible production of war materials. The primary policy of safety for the United States through aiding Britain was based upon quick turnout, he said in commenting on Mr. Churchill's speech.

President Roosevelt conferred jointly with Secretaries Hull, Stimson and Knox, General George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, and Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations. Such a meeting has been held weekly for five or six weeks. Secretary Hull refused either to confirm or deny that the war materials to be given Britain after passage of the legislation now in Congress was among the topics discussed.

HOW THE "SAG" GOT TO PORT

(By A. J. McWhinnie)

I am the only newspaper man able to tell the inside story of how the Canadian destroyer Saguenay was torpedoed in the Atlantic hundreds of miles from land.

I was there.

The torpedoing of the "Sag," as the Canadians call her, and the fact that she had reached port were officially announced in Ottawa.

Behind that announcement is a story of men who risked all to get their ship home, of injured being transhipped to another destroyer in high seas, of sailors who sang hill-billy songs and twanged guitars to cheer their injured shipmates.

Altogether 81 men from the Saguenay came across in a whaler to the warship in which I was sailing. Of those 18 were wounded. Another 21 seamen are missing.

"Well Done"

For days the Saguenay had been sailing in company with us, escorting a convoy. In the pitch-black darkness of an Atlantic night a torpedo hit her.

One of the Saguenay's guns spat out. There is reason to believe the U-boat was hit.

Meanwhile officers and men in our ship were at action stations. I was roused from my bunk and saw how a warship goes into action against U-boats. You might think that first we would race to the assistance of the torpedoed ship, but the first job was to smash the U-boat.

For hours in the night the seas were searched.

With dawn we were racing back to the Canadian destroyer.

"Well done," flashed our ship to Commander George Ralph Miles, who with his officers had had to vacate the Saguenay's bridge for the searchlight platform.

Limped Home

"I am determined to try reaching port under my own steam," he flashed back.

And he did. Before trying his hazardous trip he asked us to take his



Melvyn Douglas and Loretta Young in a scene from "He Stayed for Breakfast," now showing at the King's Theatre.

wounded, and his ship's codes and papers, which the enemy must never reach.

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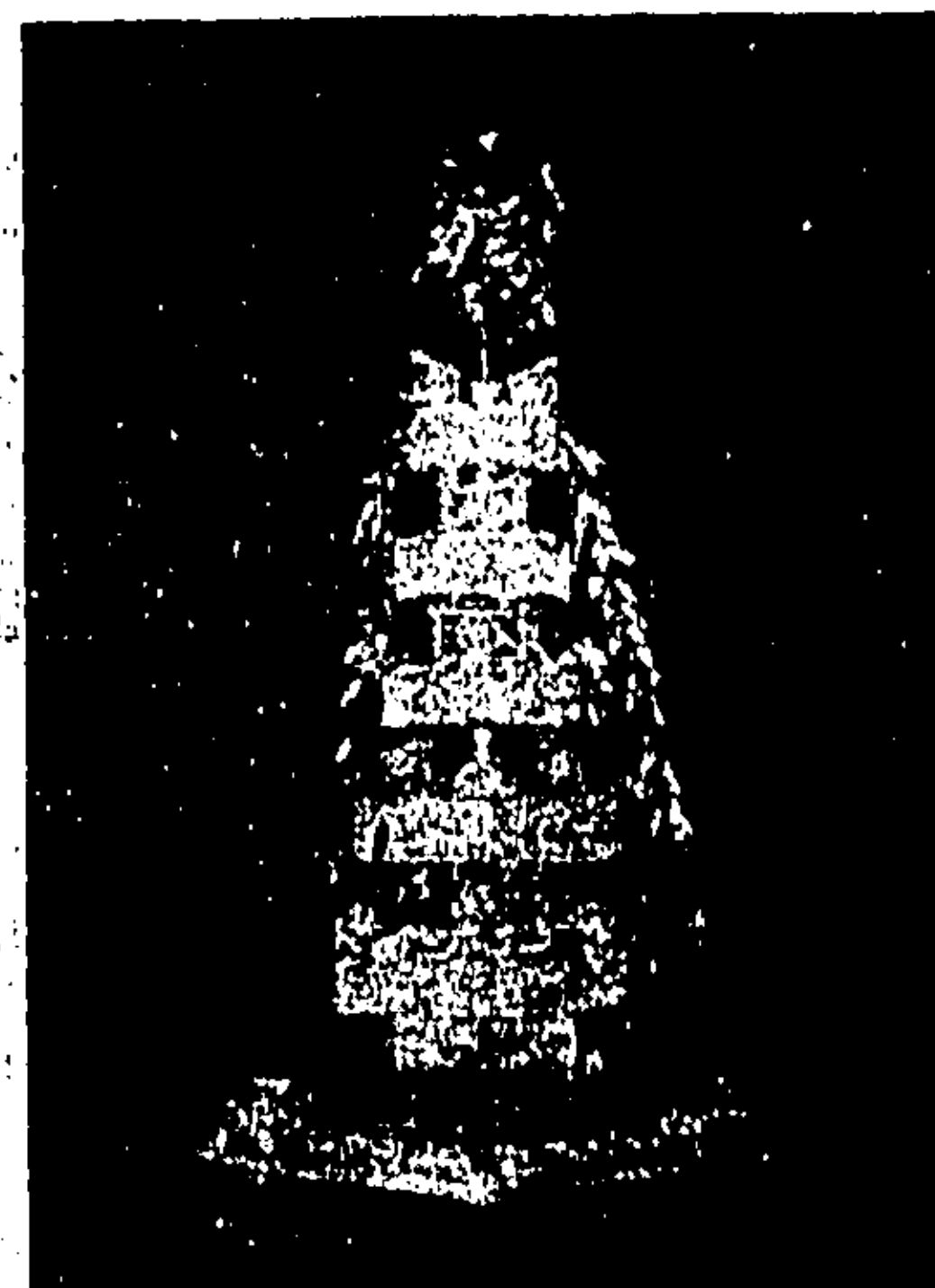
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

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NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941

Commissioners Powers Ordinance, 1886.

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

K. M. A. BARNETT,

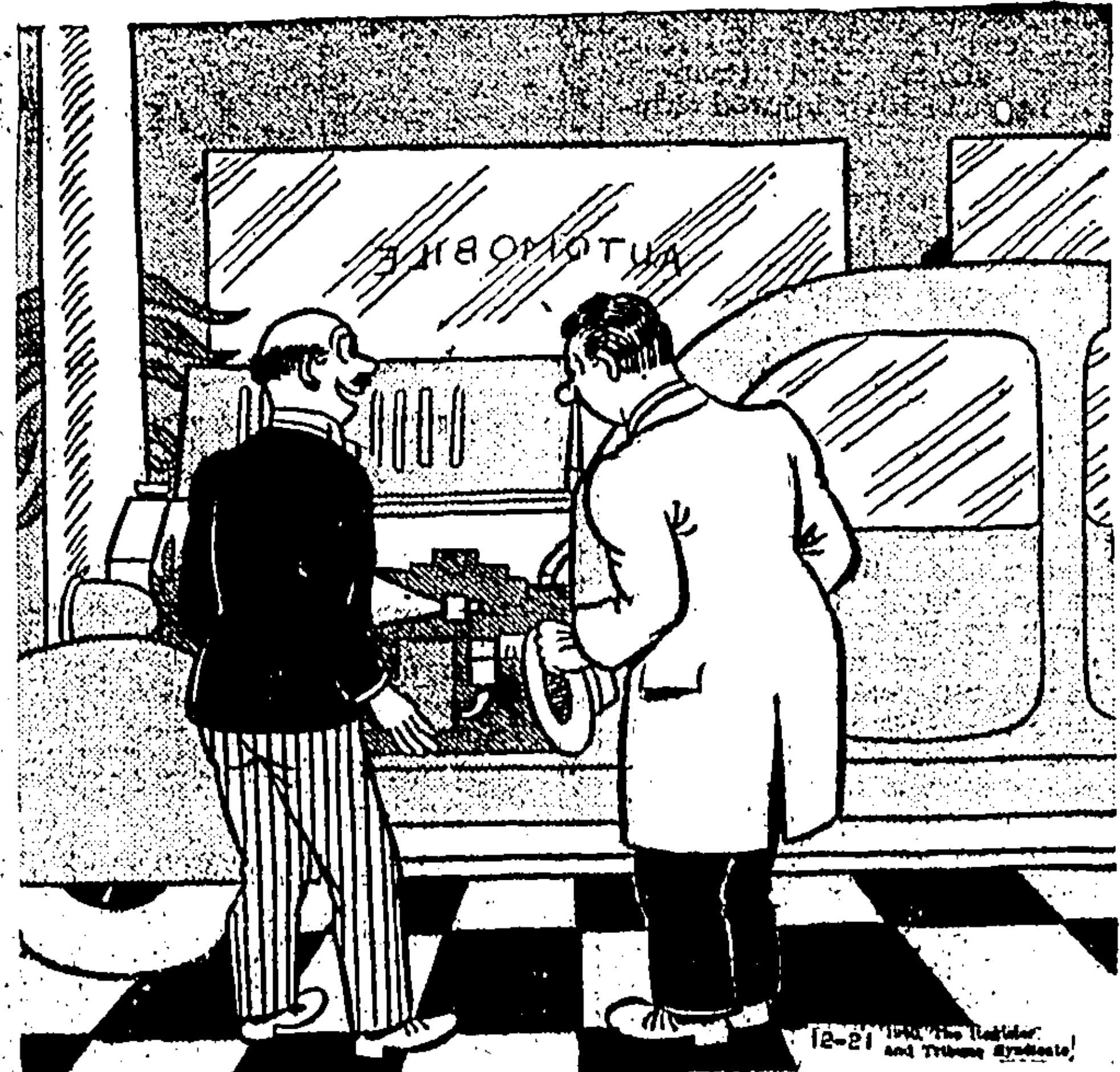
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BRIDGE NOTES

AN UNUSUAL HOLDUP

By The Four Aces

The holdup play (postponing or "holding up" the winning of a high card) is usually considered the property of Declarer, and is usually employed at no-trump to make it difficult for one defender to get to his partner's hand. But the holdup can be used also by the defending side even against a trump contract and may serve an entirely different purpose.

For example:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K J 9 8 3
♥ 8
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ 10 9 8

♠ 7
♥ K 8 7 2
♦ K J 5 4
♣ K 5 4 3

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♠ 8 5 4 2
♥ 5 4
♦ A 10 7
♣ J 7 6 2

♠ A Q 10
♥ A Q J 10 9 3
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q

The bidding:

South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
4♥ Pass

The bidding indicated a very powerful South hand, so West knew his partner might hold one

Ace but not much more strength. If West could have seen which Ace it was, he could have led a diamond; and then an immediate club shift by East would have led to the contract's defeat. But if East had the club Ace instead of the diamond Ace, a diamond lead might well be disastrous; and either minor-suit lead might be bad if East happened to have the spade Ace.

All things considered, West decided, the singleton spade was the best opening lead. Dummy won with the spade Jack, and promptly finessed the Queen of hearts. It was at this point that West executed the unusual holdup play by dropping a low heart.

Fearing a spade ruff, South tried to exhaust trumps by cashing the heart Ace and returning the heart Jack. But now West took his heart King — and East promptly signalled with the ten of diamonds. That was the purpose of West's holdup — to wait until

East could signal which Ace he had. Now he could lead a diamond, ruff the spade return, and cash the diamond King to defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ Q
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Your partner must have four three-card support for spades and has shown great strength by his jump to two no-trump, so there should be a fair play for game. It would be foolish to go to game in no-trump after you have succeeded in warning your partner away from just that.

Score 100% for four spades, 30% for three no-trump, 0 for pass.

Question No. 658

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold

♠ K J 9 7
♥ Q 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

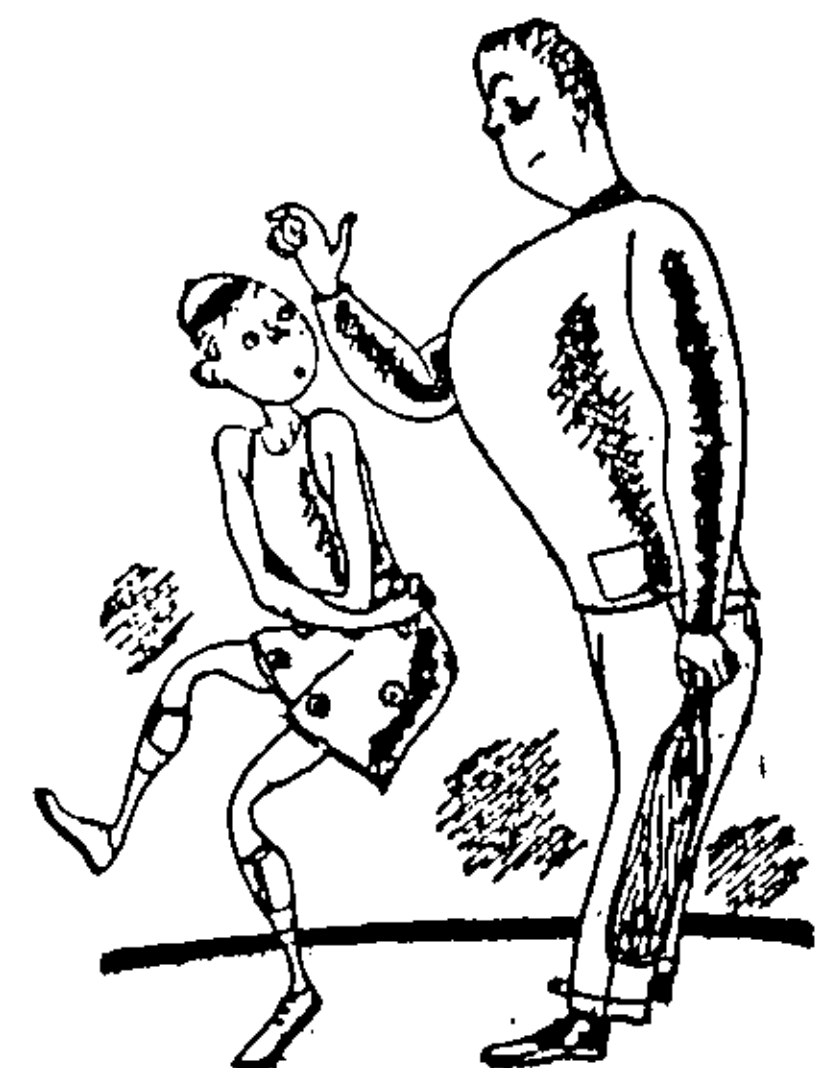
The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

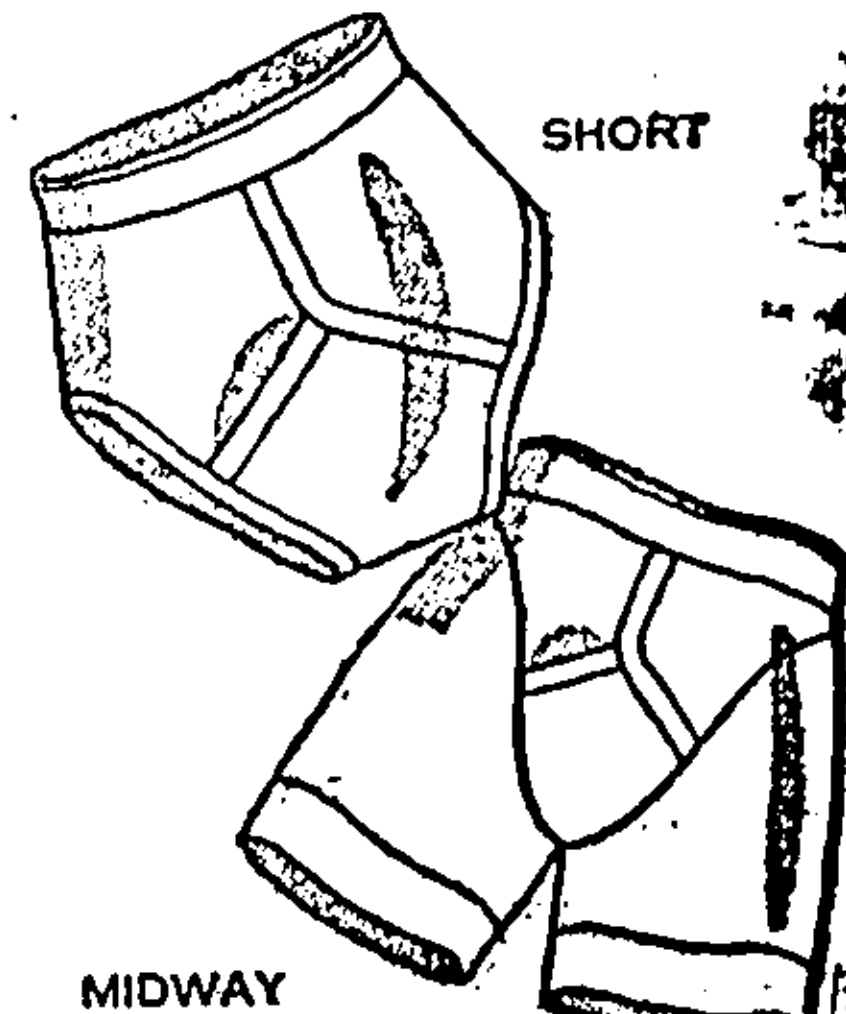
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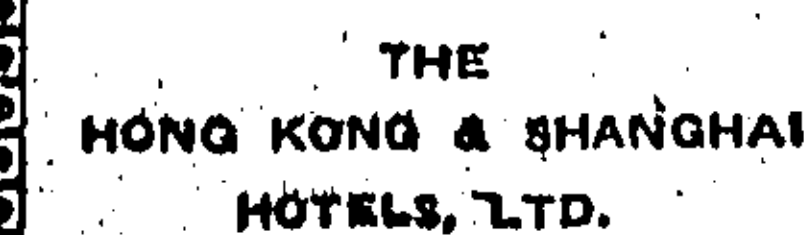
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United Kingdom and Straits	Mar. 7.
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Canton	Mar. 8.
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MONDAY, MARCH 10	
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by Sea from Singapore	Mar. 10.
TUESDAY, MARCH 11	
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th March	Mar. 11.
Canton	Mar. 11.
U.S.A. and Honolulu (San Francisco date, 21st Feb.)	Mar. 11.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12	
Sandakan	Mar. 12.
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Canton	Mar. 14.
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Hie Maru	Wednesday,	12th Mar.
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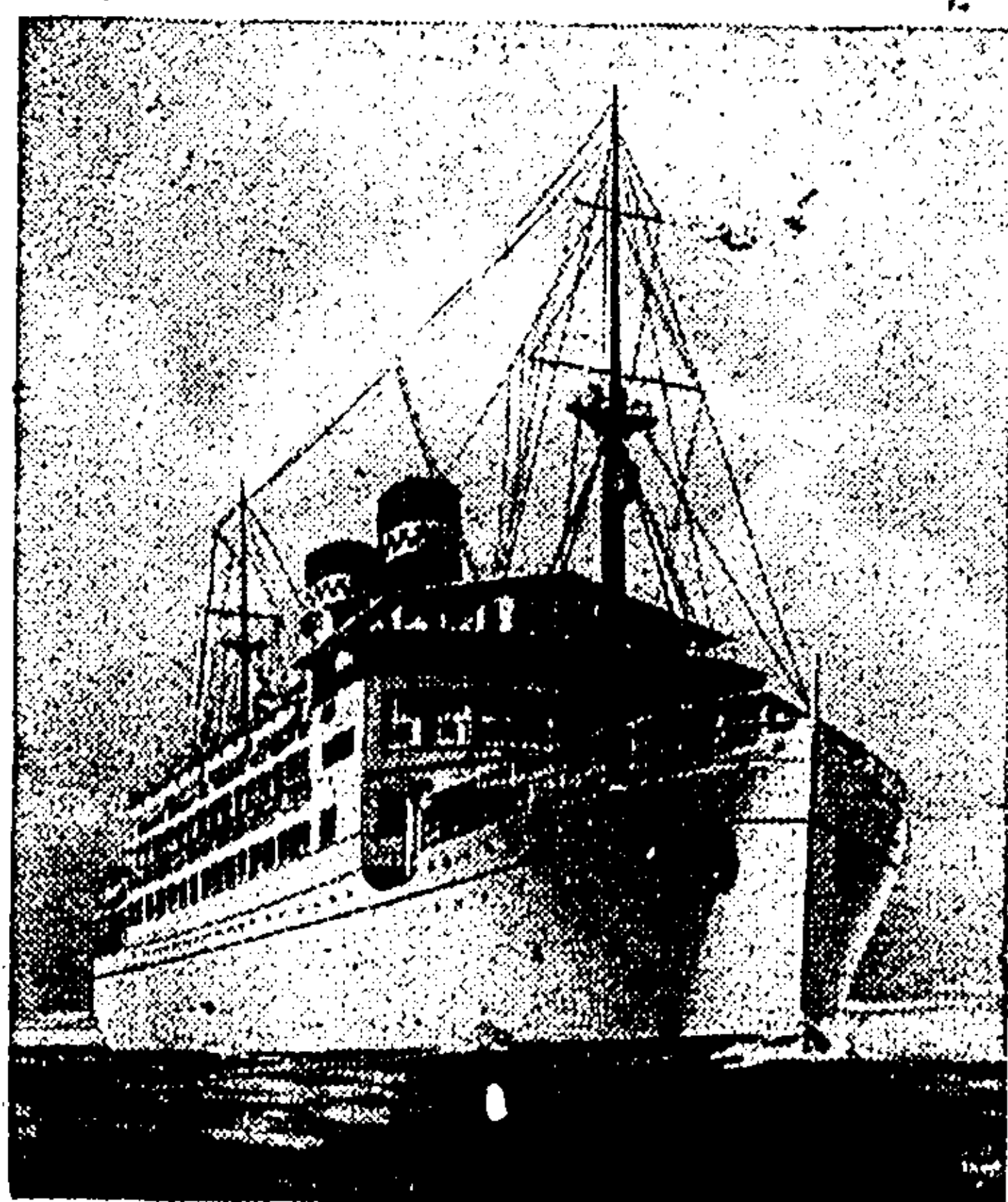
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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

The First Division soccer league should finish this week-end but several games have yet to be played owing to postponements due to Volunteer camp and other military duties.

The race for the championship which now lies between South China, last year's champions and Eastern is still on, and there is only one point separating these two teams and each have only two more games to play.

South China are favoured for the title again and have still Police to play, while Eastern's only real obstacle is St. Joseph's, a team that may give them a good game when they meet on Saturday.

Middlesex beat Royal Scots in the Regimental Derby by 3 goals to 1. Sheehan was again seen in the forward line but the man to impress most was Thomas, at left half, who gave a sound display and had a close hold on Hossack. His display has been rewarded and he has been chosen as left half for the Association team in the Governor's Cup on Sunday next.

The recent improvement of the Kwong Wah team had no effect when they met the lowly placed St. Joseph's at Caroline Hill. St. Joseph's fielded the weakest team they have done this season and surprised by winning by the only goal scored by Santos.

Leonard and Lowen had much to do from preventing the Kwong Wah forwards from indulging in their usual game. Kwong Wah have not beaten St. Joseph's this season.

The surprise packet of Second Division was provided by Ordinance who beat South China for the second time this season. The heavy ground suited the Ordinance while the sound tackling of the defence put the Chinese off their play.

Representative games and the Finals of the various competitions will be played every week-end for the rest of the season which finishes on April 12. These matches will be played on Sundays to allow the Saturdays free for postponed League games.

In order to catch up with their games, Club, who find that they are unable to play mid-week

ENTRIES FOR FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

Following are the entries for the First Extra Race Meeting, to be held on Saturday, March 15:—

RANDWICK PLATE (First Section). Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile. Angel of Glory (152), Araxy II (152), Archber (152), Beauford (152), Buckfastleigh (152), Casino (149), Gold Rod (149), Jungle Love (149), Jus Gentium (149), Macy (149), Ophir (152), Rocky Beach (152), Seal River (149), Snow White (149), Sunspot (152) and Vitamin M (152).

62 Entries. 16 Drawn. **LOITERERS STAKES.** Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Six Furlongs. Charlesber (152), Eve of Deception (149), Eve of Paradise (152), Forty Six (152), Iron Beauty (152), Lovely View (152), Mauber (152), Night Express (152), Odeon (152), Raconteur (152), Sea Foam (152), So Nice (152) and Wonderful Scheme (152).

13 Entries. **RANDWICK PLATE (Second Section).** Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile. Bona Vacantia (152), Corsair (149), Daylight (152), Flying Fortress (152), High Hat (149), Hole In One (149), Lodestar (149), National Blessings (152), Princess Adelaide (152), Saratoga (152), Seventy Six (152), Sports Lady (149), Streamlet (149), Sydney Diamond (152) and Trade Wind (149).

62 Entries. 15 Drawn. Games, are now prepared to play on Saturdays and Sundays and by this means hope to complete their fixtures in time.

Sing Tao are doing well in Manila and have so far won all their games. They have still two matches to play one of which is against Combined Manila. They leave on Monday and are expected in the Colony on Wednesday in time for the Governor's Cup game.

The draw for the Shield competitions will be made on Wednesday. Last year's finalists are still in the Senior Competition and when these two teams clash, either in the Semi-finals or the Final, a record gate is anticipated.

Neither of the two remaining teams—St. Joseph's and Navy—appear able to beat the Chinese teams and their only hope of reaching the Final is to be drawn against each other. A good game should be seen there as the two teams are evenly matched.

MOONEE PONDS HANDICAP. Winner \$1,000. Second \$350. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1941, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile. Ajax, A Roaring Time, Connieber, Contact, Criffel, Derby Day, Devonian, Flying Dutchman, Franklin, Income Tax, Piccadilly Jim, Pumpernickel, Rowan, Springhurst and Vixen Tor.

15 Entries. **RANDWICK PLATE (Third Section).** Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile.

Angel of Peace (149), Anzac Day (149), Arnleber (149), Battle (152), Bendigo (152), Black Seal (152), Blue Gown (149), Dashing Beauty (152), Fresh Air (149), Harmony Star (149), Starlight View (149), Strathalbyn (149), Swallow (152), The Hawk (152), The Koola Bear (152) and Too Hot (152).

62 Entries. 16 Drawn. **MELBOURNE CUP.** Winner \$2,000. Second \$750. Third \$500. For all Australian Ponies. Weight 140 lb. Winners at any time of one race, 5 lb. of two races, 10 lb. of three or more races, 14 lb. penalty. Winners of \$4,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1941, barred. Two Miles.

Australian Diamond (150), Baffin Bay (154), Brutus (154), Colooma (145), Endeavour (145), Fair Chance (150), Far View (154), First Love (145), Fleetwing (145), Happy Returns (145), Jus Gentium (140), Marsh Warbler (145), Mountain View (140), National Courage (140), Piccadilly Jim (154), Starlight (145), Triumphant Day (150) and Viceroy (154).

18 Entries. **BROADMEADOWS HANDICAP.** Winner \$1,000. Second \$350. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1941, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

Annabella, Bredon, Bruno, Cheerful Star, Cockleat, Double Finesse, Maple Star, Quick Despatch, Sea Jay, Shuttlecock, Spring Shine, Twilight Star, Venus Bay and Winnie.

14 Entries. **RANDWICK PLATE (Fourth Section).** Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile.

A Rosy Time (149), Bandito (149), Boneshaker (152), Chateauguay (152), Corriedoo (152), Corvette (152), Joan (152), Linda (149), National Endurance (152), Optima Fide (152), Royal Sovereign (152), Sydney Lady (152), Tobacco (149), Vigor (152) and War Tax (152).

62 Entries. 15 Drawn. **OAKLEIGH PLATE.** Winner \$1,500. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile. Amusement Tax (152), Canberra (149), Iron Belle (152), King's Welcome (149), Locus Standi (152), Man-O-War (152), Miss Chalfont (149), National Courage (152), National Reform (152), Nomine Poenae (152), Oracle (149), Prairie View (152), Ratio Decidendi (152), Riverside (152), Subpoena (152), Tropical Love (152), Vanguard (152) and Vis Major (152).

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SPIRITED FIGHTS SEEN AT MIDDLESEX BOXING

Devine's Perserverance Rewarded With Good Win

MANY TITLES CHANGE HANDS

EXCELLENT SPORT and some very good fights were witnessed at Shamshuipo yesterday at the boxing tournament of the Middlesex Regiment and several titles changed hands.

Perry and Fredman were seen in one of the best fights of the evening and both were congratulated by the referee at the conclusion of the fight.

There were several knockouts during the afternoon while several bouts were not held owing to medical reasons.

BANTAMWEIGHT

The first fight of the afternoon between Pte. Hope and L/Cpl. Panting resulted in a win for Hope on points. Panting held out well for the three rounds, although Hope was the more experienced boxer of the two.

FEATHERWEIGHT

In this contest Pte. Baker received a walk-over from Pte. Corniford who was marked unfit by the medical officer.

Second String

Pte. Hills beat Pte. Dewberry on points after a very good fight.

LIGHTWEIGHT

Pte. Noble who is the Battalion belt holder of the Featherweight class this year beat Pte. Charlesfield in the first round by a knockout. Pte. Noble fought in this weight this year as there was no one to fight him in his own class.

Second String

Pte. Lanigan and Pte. Drake had a good hard fight which resulted in a win for Drake on points. This was Drake's last fight in the Battalion. He is leaving the Colony for Home soon and at the conclusion of the competition he was congratulated by the Commanding Officer, Lieut-Colonel H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., on his fine sporting abilities, and for what he had done for the Regiment.

Third String

This was one of the hardest fights of the competition which started off at a fast pace which was kept throughout.

Ptes. Hughes and Andrews kept hard at it all the three rounds, and if one of them had landed a hard punch in the last round the other would have certainly gone out for the count.

It resulted in a win for Andrews on points.

WELTERWEIGHT

This fight did not last long with L/Cpl. Milroy knocking out Pte. Storr in the first round.

Third String

Pte. Pearson, the Battalion footballer, soon finished his fight with Pte. Robertson by winning through a knockout in the first round.

Fourth String

Pte. Devine, who has been entering the Battalion Boxing competitions for the past 11 years has at last succeeded in winning his first fight by defeating L/Cpl. Moggeridge on points. This was well received by the spectators.

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Pte. Cooper, who in the previous night's boxing had beaten L/Cpl. McGrady, last year's winner of this weight, received a walk-over from L/Cpl. Harris who was medically unfit, thus giving him the Battalion Middleweight Belt.

Second String

Pte. Bennett beat Pte. Roberts after a hard fight on points in this contest.

Third String

L/Sgt. Perry beat Pte. Fredman on points after a very hard and keen fight and both boxers were congratulated by the referee on a very gallant performance.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Another surprise was caused when Pte. Fawcett beat Cpl. Fox the Battalion Belt Holder on points.

HEAVYWEIGHT

Pte. Moran had no difficulty in beating his opponent L/Cpl. Newbury by winning on a knockout in the first round.

WELTERWEIGHT

The last fight of the competition between Pte. Geist and Pte. Holdford resulted in a win for Holdford who knocked out Geist in the second round.

The final placings of the Companies at the end of the competition were as follows.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

COMMAND CROSS

COUNTRY RUNS

ON Tuesday a very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Annual Command Cross Country runs which started and finished from the Hong Kong Polo Club ground, Kowloon.

It was the first occasion that a British Units Team had won the Garrison Challenge Cup for Cross Country for a long time.

This year the competition was split into two separate runs, one for British Personnel, and the other for Indian Personnel.

The first run started at 3.30 p.m. with five Indian Units running, and the first to finish were the 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. who registered 164 points. Punjabis were second with 349 points, and 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., third with 436 points, the remaining teams to finish were the Combined 8th & 12th Hvy. Regts., R.A., and the 57th Rabot Regt. respectively.

The individual winners were:—
1. Sohan Singh (1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.). Time: 35 mins. 32 secs.
2. Lukman Khan (1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.). Time: 35 mins. 43 secs.
3. Naik Sirdhar Singh (8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.). Time: 35 mins. 59 secs.

These times were fast for this long and hard course.

The British personnel started their run at 3.50 p.m. which resulted in a fine win for Middlesex Regt. who won with 161 points and had the 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13,

15, 18, 24, 26, 27th men who were the twelve men in out of the first 27 home.

Royal Scots were second with 261 points, and Combined Small Units third with 409 points, and Combined Royal Artillery, and the Fortress Royal Engineers fourth and fifth respectively.

Individual winners were:—

1. Pte. Manson (Royal Scots). Time: 37 mins. 7 4/5 secs.
2. Cpl. Hobson (Middlesex Regt.). Time: 37 mins. 21 3/5 secs.
3. L/Cpl. Dunne (Middlesex Regt.). Time: 37 mins. 34 2/5 secs.

The Garrison Challenge Cup for Cross Country was awarded to Middlesex Regiment who obtained 161 points, these being the lowest points recorded for a long time in this event, and the 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A., were awarded the Cross Country Cup for the winners of the Cross Country with the next best aggregate 164 points, although the Indian Personnel had the best time for this course.

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FOOTBALL

IN the next Governor's Cup match Army are well supported with L/Cpl. Bankier in goal, Sgt. Fraser, Sgt. Freshwater, L/Cpl. Bright, and L/Cpl. Thomas in the defence. This defence should do the Army honours in keeping the Chinese from getting through to score.

It has been decided that the Army will play Royal Navy in the Kotewall Cup Series either next Wednesday, March 12, or the following Wednesday, March 19, at Caroline Hill. The Army team will be as follows:—

L/Cpl. Bankier (Royal Scots); Sgt. Fraser (Royal Scots) and Pte. Naysmith (Royal Scots); Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Bright (Middlesex) and Cpl. Birrell (Royal Engineers); Sgt. Owens (Royal Artillery); Spr. Fox (Royal Engineers); Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots); Cpl. Weir (R.A.S.C.) and S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

RUGBY FOOTBALL

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday two games were played in the Army Rugby league.

Royal Scots and Royal Engineers had a hard game in which the Engineers emerged winners by three points to nil.

Royal Engineers have still an unbeaten record in this League and it looks very much like they will remain undefeated.

They have a fine team who work well together and they have an exceptionally good player in Cpl. Birrell who is a menace to any team playing against him.

The Sappers' try was scored by Sheldrake, but Birrell failed to convert, with Midlar charging him down.

In the second match Gunners were far too good for Middlesex Regt. whom they defeated by 22 points to 6 after leading at the interval by eight points to three.

Capt. Mann of Middlesex was badly missed, and also Capt. Hewitt, and Pte. Berry, three of their most important players.

RUGBY LEAGUE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Royal Engineers	5	5	0	0	10
Royal Artillery	4	3	1	0	6
Royal Scots	4	1	0	1	3
Middlesex Regt.	5	1	4	0	2
Combined Small Units	4	0	3	1	1

SNOOKER

MEDICAL Corps are still three points in the lead of the Royal Engineer Sergeants Mess, both having played the same amount of games.

Results of matches played on March 3 are as follows:—

R.A. Sgts. Mess Stanley 2 points—
R.E. Sgts. 4 points.
R.E. "A" Team 2 points—C.M. Police 4 points.
Signals Cpls. 2 points—R.A.M.C. 4 points.

LEAGUE POSITIONS TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	9	5	1	3	36
R.E. Sgts.	9	5	2	2	33
C.M. Police	8	2	2	4	24
R.E. "A"	8	2	2	4	24
R.A. Sgts. Stanley	7	2	1	4	22
R.A.P.C.	8	2	3	3	21
Signals Cpls.	9	2	5	2	21
Signals "A"	8	2	6	0	17

BOXING

THE Command Individual Open Boxing competition which is due to take place next week might yet be cancelled owing to insufficient entries.



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J. Bucks Establishes Two Junior Records

FRANCO THE NEW SENIOR CHAMPION

DESPITE THE HEAVY STATE of the track, two records were broken at the Annual Athletic Sports of St. Joseph's College held at Caroline Hill yesterday though the times returned by the senior competitors were not outstanding.

J. Bucks lowered the 800 metres junior record when he ran the distance in 2 mins. 38 1/5 seconds which was 9 seconds better than the previous record. The record for the 1,500 metres was also broken by him in 5 mins. 24 secs., which time is better than that returned by the seniors by 19 3/5 secs.

A. V. Franco easily won the senior championship, while the junior and midget titles were won by S. K. Khan and Choi Hak-yan respectively.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. J. M. Wilson, inspector of schools.

Following were the results:—

Results.
Senior Putting The Shot: 1. A. Dzgoeff; 2. R. Ho; 3. G. Tanaka; 4. V. Godoya. 31 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump, Junior: 1. B. M. Omar; 2. S. K. Khan; 3. M. Rozario; 4. Tsang To-min, 16 ft. 1 in. Senior: 1. S. Silva; 2. J. Chiu; 3. D. Young; 4. E. Yusuf, 17 ft.

High Jump, Midget: 1. Ko Wai-hoong; 2. Choi Hak-yan; 3. M. G. Adak; 4. P. Nguyen, 3 ft. 5 ins. Junior: 1. B. M. Omar; 2. S. K. Khan; 3. Tsang To-min; 4. Abdul Rahman, 4 ft. 7 ins. Senior: 1. Cheung Chiu-hung; 2. D. Young; 3. R. Wang; 4. E. Yusuf, 5 ft. 1 in.

Boarders' Race, Junior: 1. Ng Kok-ming; 2. Wong Kam-chau; 3. B. Godinez; 16 secs. Senior: 1. J. Lenneman; 2. Tai Yuk-hung; 3. A. G. Diaz; 27 3/5 secs.

100 Metres, Midget: 1. I. Sousa; 2. Choi Hak-yan; 3. A. Barradas; 4. D. Thompson, 16 secs. Junior 100: 1. S. K. Khan; 2. Lau Kin-ming; 3. G. Mok, 13 2/5 secs. Senior: 1. R. Ho; 2. S. Silva; 3. A. V. Franco; 4. Yu Fook-leung, 12 4/5 secs.

200 Metres, Midget: 1. Choi Hak-yan; 2. D. Thompson; 3. A. Barradas; 4. I. Sousa, 33 1/5 secs. Junior: 1. S. K. Khan; 2. Chan Hung-kwong; 3. Lau Kin-ming; 4. B. M. Omar, 28 secs. Senior: 1. Ng Yin-fan; 2. A. V. Franco; 3. S. Silva; 4. R. Ho, 26 3/5 secs. Open To La Salle College: 1. A. P. Silva; 2. Mackechue; 3. J. Gomez, 25 secs.

Infants 50 Metres: 1. C. Delgado; 2. E. Franco; 3. Ty Hung-lee. Potato Race: 1. E. Franco; 2. L. Noronha; 3. C. Sousa.

400 Metres, Junior: 1. S. K. Khan; 2. J. Bucks; 3. M. Samy; 4. Yip Yan-cheung, 66 3/5 secs. Senior: 1. J. Cheung; 2. S. Silva; 3. A. V. Franco; 4. J. Chiu, 60 4/5 secs.

Wolf Cubes' Race: 1. D. Osborne; 2. Yung Pak-wai; 3. R. Newman. Boy Scouts' Race: 1. Ip Wing-kin; 2. Tsang Shiu-kin; 3. J. Anderson.

Midgets Sack Race: 1. D. Osborne; 2. M. Drewery; 3. J. Noronha.

800 Metres, Junior: 1. J. Bucks; 2. Yip Yan-cheung; 3. H. Bucks; 4. J. B. Hassan and Lau Kin-ming, 238 1/5 (Record). Senior: 1. A. V. Franco; 2. J. Cheung; 3. Cheng Koon-tan; 4. J. Chiu, 236 2/5.

Senior 110 Metres High Hurdles: 1. D. Young; 2. Cheung Chiu-hung, 18 secs.

Girls' 400 Metres Invitation Relay: 1. French Convent; 2. St. Mary's.

Boys' 1,200 Metres Invitation Relay: La Salle "A"; 2. King's 3. La Salle College "B", 248 1/5.

Former Pupils' 400 Metres: 1. R. Castro; 2. A. Leonard; 3. A. Alves, 59 4/5 secs.



1,500 Metres Open To Military: 1. Pte. R. Manson (Scots); 2. K. Mohammed; 3. Soares, 4.41.

3,000 Metres Bicycle Race Junior: 1. J. Elridge; 2. Lee Yuen-kwai; 3. J. Bucks. Senior: 1. Ip Wing-kin; 2. N. Kwong; 3. J. Choa; 4. J. Chueng, 6.42.

Tug-of-War, Junior: Class 5-B beat Class 3-A in two straight pulls. Senior Class 1 beat Class 3-B in two straight pulls.

Officials' 100 Metres Handicap: 1. J. Solecki; 2. P. Felix; 3. H. G. Asome, 12 secs.

Midget 400 Metres Inter-Class Relay: 1. Class 4-A; 2. Class 7-B; 3. Class 6-A; 4. Class 7-A, 65 3/5.

Junior 800 Metres Inter-Class Relay: 1. Class 4-D; 2. Class 3-A; 3. Class 2-A; 4. Class 4-C.

Senior 1,200 Metres Inter-Class Relay: 1. Class 1; 2. Class 3-B; 3. Class 2-B.

Aggregate Champions: Senior: A. V. Franco (18); J. Cheung and S. Silva (16). Junior: S. K. Khan (26); J. Bucks (16).

Midget: Choi Hak-yan (20); Ko Wai-hoong (8).

R. A. SHAYES KILLED IN FLYING ACCIDENT

Lawn tennis enthusiasts will learn with regret of the death, on active service in Rhodesia, of Ronald Shayes, the British Davis Cup player.

Shayes, a sergeant in the R.A.F. was one of the many lawn tennis stars in that service, and he is the latest of a growing list of leading sportsmen who have given their lives in the present war. He joined the R. A. F. after serving for a time as a member of an A. R. P. unit, and was just about to complete his training when he was involved in a flying accident.

His rise to lawn tennis stardom was almost sensational, but he was one of the enigmas of the game. At times he played like a world-beater; at others like a novice. But when at his best he could make the most difficult shots with the greatest of ease.

Inter-Class Champions: Senior: —Matric (42); Junior: 2-A and 3-B (26); Midget: 6-B (28).



RE-ARRANGED CRICKET FIXTURES

Following are the re-arranged Cricket League fixtures. Club secretaries are requested to make new arrangements for friendly games fixed on these dates:

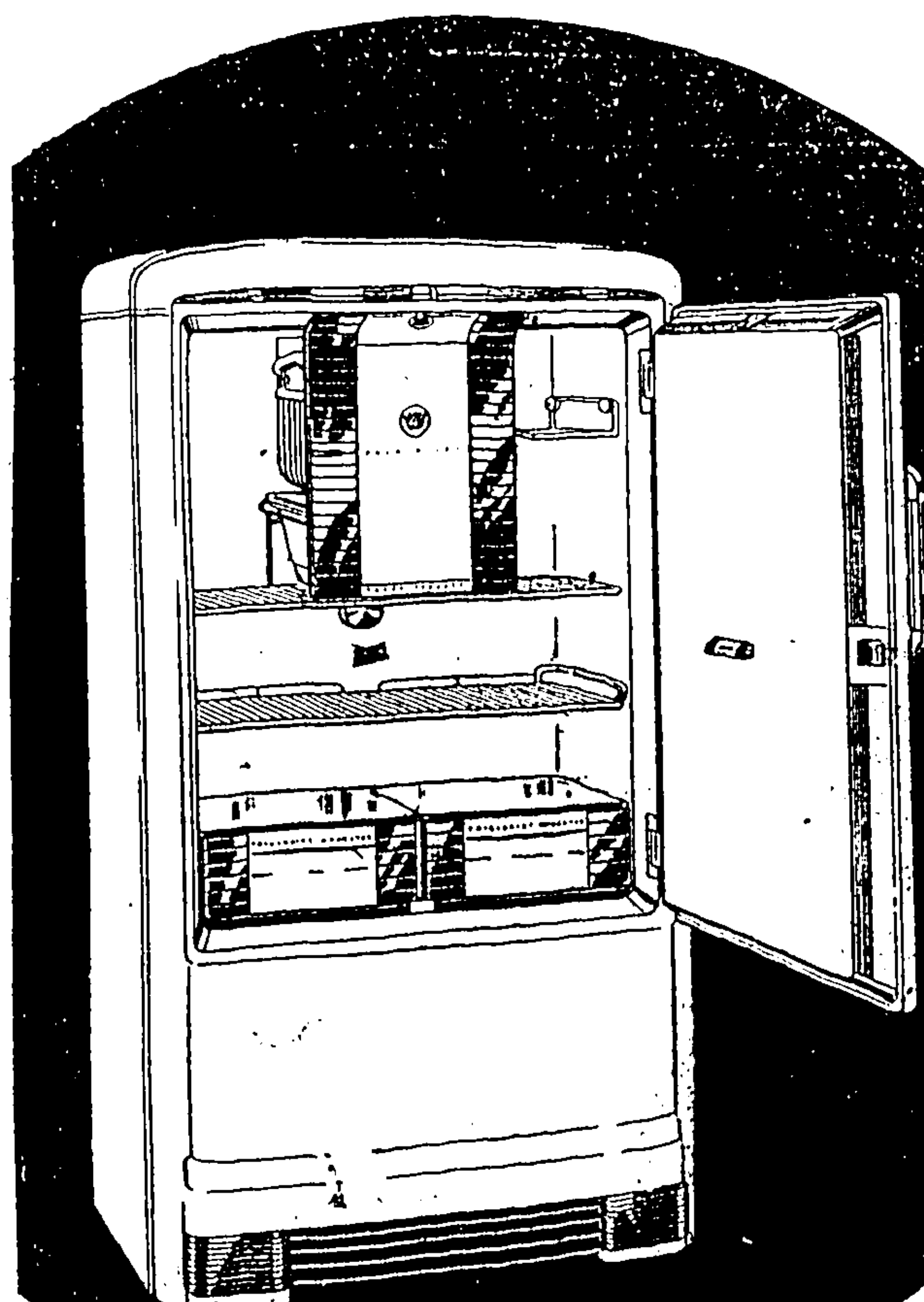
SATURDAY, MARCH 8
Second Division
I.R.C. v C.S.C.C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16
First Division
C.S.C.C. v I.R.C.
C.C.C. v Reereio
Second Division
K.C.C. v C.C.C.
Reereio v I.R.C.
P.R.C. v H.K.U.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
First Division
C.C.C. v I.R.C.
Second Division
C.S.C.C. v P.R.C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29
First Division
Reereio v I.R.C.
C.S.C.C. v H.K.U.
Second Division
K.C.C. v C.S.C.C.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
First Division
H.K.U. v C.C.C.
K.C.C. v C.S.C.C.
Second Division
C.C.C. v Reereio



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300 NORWEGIANS RELEASED IN LOFOTEN RAID

Norwegian circles in London yesterday expressed great satisfaction at their forces' part in the Lofoten raid.

It is understood that over 300 Norwegian patriots were brought back to join their fellow-countrymen in Britain.—Reuter.

CAROL IN LISBON

Ex-King Carol of Rumania and Mme. Lupescu have arrived safely in Lisbon after a thrilling escape by car from Seville across the frontier mountains.—Reuter.

This was revealed by Captain Margesson, the Secretary of State for War in the Commons yesterday, when he disclosed of the details of the operations for the first time.

He was speaking on the Army Estimates and said that the danger of invasion was very real, but every possibility open to the ingenuity of the enemy has been considered so far as it is possible to read their minds.

In the recent sham battle, lasting about a week, in which both the civil organisations and the military staffs participated, our most brilliant Staff Officers were allocated to the part of the German General Staff in Britain.

THE INGENUITY OF THIS IMPROVISED ENEMY STAFF RESULTED IN A SCALE OF ATTACK FAR HEAVIER THAN ANYTHING THE GERMANS ARE LIKELY TO MAKE.

The enemy was allowed to inflict every conceivable preliminary disaster. There were many landings by sea and by air and the effect of continuous air bombardment of focal points was designed to break the arteries of communication.

Lord Gort's Despatches

Reviewing the events of the

past year, Captain Margesson fore-shadowed the early publication of Lord Gort's despatches on the battles in France and Flanders.

The War Minister also revealed that the total British losses in all operations in the Middle East, including East Africa from November 1940 to February 11, 1941, totalled 1,774, of which 438 were killed.

No doubt, he said, the task in Libya would have been sterner if we had been faced by German troops but the weakness of the Italian opposition was not due primarily to weakened morale, for the Italian armies were well-equipped, strongly entrenched and numerically superior, but was due to the brilliant use of supplies and of the power of manoeuvre by the British forces.

Successes in East Africa hitherto had been equally striking.

Mogadiscio's Fall

Within 17 days of the beginning of the attack, Mogadiscio, 350 miles away, had fallen, and within another 48 hours, in carrying out that operation so successfully, we captured more than 10,000 prisoners.

"THESE OPERATIONS ARE A PRELUDE TO THE GREATER STRUGGLE WITH OUR PRINCIPAL ENEMY."

Our situation in June, 1940, after the evacuation from Dunkirk was unenviable. Fortunately, part of the Expeditionary Force's reserve equipment had been stored in Britain and stores were got away from those depots south of the Somme.

Furthermore, equipment en route from America to France was diverted to Britain and the transformation effected in one month was perhaps unequalled in history.

New Divisions

The breathing space we have had since Dunkirk has been turned to good effect. Most of the major formations are now comparatively well equipped and we have been able to form new divisions.

We have also been able to supply material aid to the Allies.

In a warm tribute to the gallant Greek operations, which "again proved that fortune favours the brave," Capt. Margesson said the Greeks, by their triumphant advance over difficult country in the depths of winter, had shown their neighbours that though a small country they possessed dauntless courage.

The Free French forces had already given gallant service in Libya, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and elsewhere, and the Poles are only waiting a chance to get at the enemy once again.

The position as regards equipment has greatly improved since last summer and gives some cause for confidence.

Closing Gaps

The gaps still existing in some classes of equipment are closing weekly and, with the aid of Bri-

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CHINESE SEAMEN APPEAL AGAINST LONDON SENTENCE

AN APPEAL BY 21 Chinese seamen against convictions imposed by a London police court for disobeying a lawful command, was heard at the London Sessions Appeals Committee yesterday.

The appeal of 10 men who had been sentenced to six months' hard labour was allowed and the appeals of the other 11 men, who had been bound over for 12 months, were dismissed.

Counsel for respondents said that when the seamen arrived in port it was suggested to them that they were being unfairly treated because they were not getting the £5 a month war bonus that white sailors were getting for voyaging in dangerous waters.

They were not satisfied with £3 a month and refused to work in shifts, with the result that the ship was not turned round in the shortest possible time and the whole convoy system was dislocated.

Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C., counsel for the men, who said he was instructed by the Chinese Embassy, said the Chinese were not merely a cultured race but extraordinarily brave and virile. It rankled that a proud race were paid less than the white man, he declared, adding that the matter was being taken up in Parliament.—Reuter.

British and Dominions and Indian production and the growing American output, the time is not distant when we shall have an army fully equipped and fully trained.

WE ARE NOT SITTING TIGHT INSIDE OUR DEFENCES BUT ARE ENDEAVOURING DAILY TO IMPROVE OUR SYSTEM OF STATIC AND MOBILE DEFENCE.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE HOME GUARD IS DOING A FINE JOB, NOTWITHSTANDING SOME TEMPORARY SHORTAGE OF EQUIPMENT.

As a proof of the excellence of British material, Capt. Margesson recalled the long-range desert patrols organised by General Wavell soon after Italy entered the war, exploring the Libyan Desert.—Reuter.



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GERMAN OCCUPATION OF ITALY REVEALED

SOVIET DEMAND DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Belgrade diplomatic circles state that the meeting between General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, and Marshal Goering concerned Russian demands for the immediate cession of naval bases in the Black Sea.

The demands, it is reported, have been delivered in the form of an ultimatum leaving very little time with which to reply. Subsequently Rumania has mobilised her forces. There is no confirmation in London of the Russian demands upon Rumania. Another Belgrade report alleges that Russia is increasing her troop concentrations along the Black Sea Area on the Rumanian border.

Chorus of Denial

A chorus of denials from the interested capitals in Europe has disproved the sensational report alleging that the Soviet had delivered an ultimatum to Rumania demanding naval bases on the Black Sea. Bucharest, London and Berlin have all denied the report.—International News Service.

GREEKS RETAIN INITIATIVE

"The initiative remains exclusively with the Greek forces and the morale of the army is excellent. The soldiers of Greece will face all eventualities without flinching."

This declaration was made in a Greek Press Ministry bulletin broadcast last night.

The bulletin records successful patrol activity and a further advance on the Albanian front on Wednesday.

Artillery action was effective against fortified Italian positions. In the central area a local encounter resulted in the capture of strong Italian positions.—Reuter.

SUCCESS OF GREEK SUBMARINE

A GREEK SUBMARINE HAS SUNK AN ITALIAN SUPPLY SHIP IN THE ADRIATIC, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL GREEK COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN ATHENS YESTERDAY, SAYS REUTER.

MATSUOKA AND M. HENRI MEET FOR THIRD TIME

For the third time yesterday Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and the French Ambassador, met last night to discuss further details for settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute.

According to a communique issued in Tokyo the negotiations were making steady progress.—Reuter.

Germans Threaten Greece

The march of German troops into Bulgaria is now assuming the proportions of a mass movement towards the Greek-Bulgarian frontier, stated Ankara radio last night.

All means of conveyance, including trains, lorries and buses, are being utilised.

The announcer suggested Germany was out to fight Britain wherever she found it possible to do so and was "doubtless seeking the weakest point in the British chain of defence."

It was added that Mr. Rendel, the British Minister, would not be leaving Sofia for another two or three days.—Reuter.

NO CONCRETE HITLER OFFER TO TURKEY

ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITE DETAILS ABOUT THE MESSAGE HITLER SENT TO PRESIDENT INUENU ARE YET AVAILABLE, IT WAS RUMOURD IN ANKARA YESTERDAY THAT THE MESSAGE IS FULL OF GENERAL ASSURANCES BUT CONTAINS NOTHING OF A CONCRETE NATURE.

Not a single Turk or well-informed foreigner in Ankara believes the message will in any way alter Turkish policy.

It is significant that the Turkish newspapers ignore Hitler's message.—Reuter.

More Complete Than In Bulgaria!

THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF ITALY IS REPORTED IN WASHINGTON TO BE MORE COMPLETE THAN THE OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA.

All Italian harbours are now said to be under German control and the Italian Secret Police is said to be directed by high Gestapo officials.

Consequently, Italy is now regarded in Washington as little more than a province of the Greater Reich.

There is good reason to believe that the German occupation of Italy is the cause of the United States asking Italy to close its consulates at Detroit (Michigan and Newark) and Rhode Island "for reasons of national policy" and to withdraw the personnel thereof from the consulates, which prevent transference of personnel to Italian consulates elsewhere in the United States.

THE REQUEST FOLLOWS THE RECENT ACTION BY ITALY IN ASKING THE UNITED STATES TO CLOSE ITS CONSULATES AT NAPLES AND PALERMO, WHICH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE OCCUPATION OF LARGE SECTIONS OF ITALY, PARTICULARLY SICILY, BY GERMAN TROOPS.—REUTER.

Movement Restricted

Movements of Italian consulate officials throughout the United States are to be restricted to areas in which they exercise their recognised official duties.

This is the burden of a Note sent by the State Department to the Italian Ambassador in Washington yesterday.

Italian diplomats in Washington are excluded from the request but the Embassy is asked to keep the State Department informed of any movements outside Washington of any naval or military personnel.

Unprecedented

Mr. Cordell's Note does not explain why the United States has taken this action, which is believed to be unprecedented against a country with which the United States is at peace, but the Note has an asperity which indicates resentment at the closing of the American consulates at Palermo and Naples.

The State Department's closing order affects the two most important Italian consulates in the country.

Both at Detroit and Newark there are large Italian communities and Fascists are strong and active.—Reuter.

NAZI TROOPS 15 MILES FROM TURKISH BORDER

German troops, it was reported in Istanbul yesterday, are less than 15 miles from the Turco-Bulgarian frontier, says Reuter.

AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN

The London speech of Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, last Monday, discounting the inevitability of a conflict between Australia and Japan, caused no dissent in the Commonwealth Cabinet, stated Mr. Fadden, the acting Premier, in Melbourne yesterday.

Information now received by the War Council has checked Labour criticism of the speech.—Reuter.

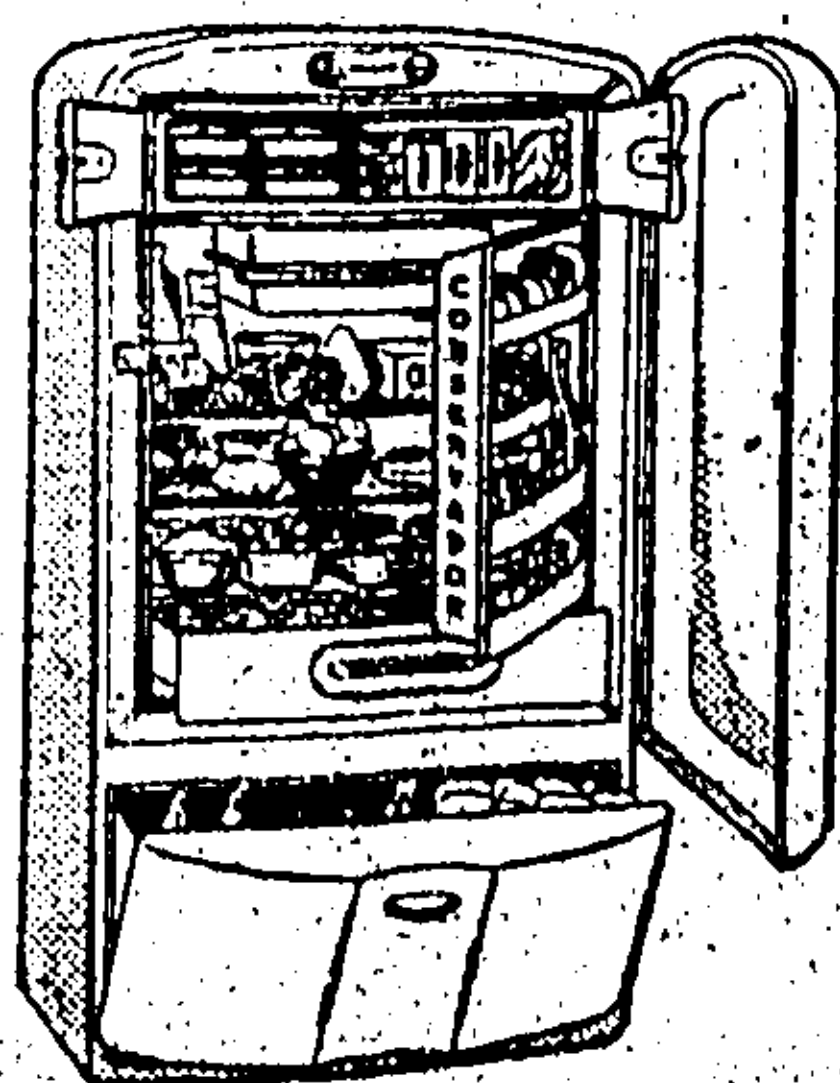
ENEMY BOMBER SHOT DOWN

An enemy bomber was shot down into the English Channel by R.A.F. fighters yesterday afternoon, states an Air Ministry communique.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY BY SINGLE ENEMY AIRCRAFT DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY, BOMBS BEING DROPPED IN EAST ANGLIA, KENT AND ONE POINT IN THE LONDON AREA.

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JAPAN'S QUEST IN MOSCOW

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Inherent Rivalry To Be Overcome

THE LONDON "TIMES" yesterday published a special article dealing with relations between Japan and the Soviet in the Far East.

The present phase of Russo-Japanese relations, the article declared, can be traced back to the autumn of 1931, when Japan achieved the conquest of Manchuria.

Japan had been the object of suspicion to the Soviet regime ever since the prolonged occupation of Russian territory by Japanese troops during and after the Kolchak episode, eastern Siberia not being finally evacuated till 1922 and northern Saghalien not until 1925, when Japan first officially recognised the Soviet Government.

These suspicions were re-provoked at Tokyo, where the supposed designs of the Comintern were a favourite bugbear. But there was little contact between the two countries during these years and official relations, while formally correct, were wholly uneventful.

Frontier Incidents

All this changed when Japan, through the establishment of the puppet state of Manchukuo, acquired a long common frontier with the Soviet and with Moscow's vassal state of Outer Mongolia. Frontier incidents became the order of the day.

In the next years official cognizance was taken of no fewer than 184 such incidents.

Most famous of them—the clash on the Amur River in the early summer of 1937—was a prelude to Japan's undeclared war on China, which opened in July, 1937.

All-Clear Signal

Soviet Russia got the worst of the incident militarily and failed to react diplomatically and this revelation of weakness, popularly attributed to the recent purges in the party and army, was taken by Japan as an all-clear signal to

embark on the great Chinese adventure.

In the Russo-Japanese negotiations throughout this period Soviet Russia was the suitor for a non-aggression pact, which was more than once proposed by her and rejected by Japan.

The high-handed seizure by Japan of the Russian-owned Chinese Eastern Railway was safely liquidated by the sale of the railway to Japan, or nominally to the state of Manchukuo.

Apart from recurrent frontier clashes the other principal apple of discord was fishery rights in Russian waters which had originally been conceded to Japan by the Treaty of Portsmouth in 1905.

Perpetual Friction

These were the subject of perpetual friction and of claims persistently asserted by Tokyo and no less persistently contested by Moscow, and of temporary agreements which refused to last. One of the many attempts to reach a settlement was rejected by Russia when Japan signed the Anti-Comintern Pact in 1936.

Soviet Russia had, however, not been idle in these years. The Amur frontier was fortified, the track of the Trans-Siberia Railway doubled, the Army of the Far East reinforced and a powerful air force built up—some based on the Arctic Islands.

Since 1937 Japan's preoccupation with the Chinese campaign and the partial military recovery of Russia have gradually tipped the balance in favour of the Soviet Government. Soviet help to China has been

intermittent but substantial and Japan has never been able to secure its cessation.

Nomonhan Clash

Most intensive of all outbursts of frontier warfare between Japan and Russia during the past 10 years occurred in the summer of 1939 in the region of Nomonhan, on the frontier of Outer Mongolia, and ended in a fairly decisive victory for the Soviet troops.

JAPAN ADMITTED NO FEWER THAN 18,000 CASUALTIES IN THE TWO MONTHS' MINATURE WAR.

A truce was patched up in September, 1939, after the conclusion of Stalin's pact with Ribbentrop and the outbreak of war in Europe.

Since that time Germany has not relaxed her efforts to bring about a detente between the two countries whose friendship and support she simultaneously covets; but the position between Japan and the Soviet is no longer that of the 'thirties.'

Japan The Suitor

Japan is now the suitor for a non-aggression pact and has agreed to 'reconsideration' of the fisheries question and might even be prepared to come to terms which did not include the abandonment by Russia of aid to China.

Meanwhile the Kremlin holds its hand, says nothing and no doubt awaits with curiosity the much-cavanned bid for rapprochement with Japan and will not miss an opportunity of making its power felt.

The fundamental rivalry between the two powers in the Far East will, however, remain. Each side has weaknesses and strong points. Siberia is scantily populated, especially in the east, but its enormous size makes it difficult to occupy effectively.

Japan's Position

Japan has the advantage in mobile and concentrated forces but the shortage of raw materials for war leaves her at the mercy of a boycott by the outside world and her great cities are open to air attack.

Russia probably is incapable of waging a war on two fronts.

But although her pact with Hitler is in itself a worthless insurance, her usefulness to Germany as a source of supply probably is a real safeguard in the West, at any rate for the present.

Her strategic position in the Far East is, however, unenviable, with Manchuria thrust into her territory like a great axe-head forming 2,000 miles of frontier with the Maritime Provinces, dangling

MR. EDEN RETURNS TO CAIRO

Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill have returned to Cairo from their visit to Athens, says a Reuter cable this morning.

helplessly at the far side and with no ice-free port.

Japanese Enmity

Japan, on the other hand, has cast aside her old friendship with Britain and has pursued a policy of open enmity to British trade and British interests in China, and she has cultivated bad relations with the United States.

Long View

In making war with Russia she would have to use as bases Korea, Manchuria and North China, all regions peopled by hostile conquered populations, only too eager to find an opportunity of making trouble for her.

On the long view Russia cannot contemplate with equanimity the Japan of the Tanaka Memorial—that alleged forgery of which it must be said 'some very clever trevato'—a Japan ruling the whole western Pacific littoral. Russia's hope of commercial expansion lies in trade with China and a China free, friendly and prosperous is necessary for trade.

The Japanese rulers have lost none of their fear and loathing of Communism, and the existence of Russia is a permanent obstacle to Japanese supremacy in China—unlike mere trading companies and the mission schools of Britain and the United States, which is the far easier British way.

Inherent Rivalry

Whether this real and inherent rivalry of the great Asiatic powers will preclude a bargain between them, or whether Stalin will think it worth while to buy temporary ease and some concrete advantage in Asia by compounding Japanese felonies, is an open question.

It is improbable that Russia would in any case offer any obstacle to the southward progress of Japan; she has no incentive to impede it and may even regard as advantageous to herself the increased tension between Japan and the English-speaking world which would ensue from such a policy. — Reuter.

WILL LIVE TO REGRET

"Bulgaria will live to regret her decision."

CHEERS GREETED THIS STATEMENT BY MR. R. A. BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHEN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS ASKED YESTERDAY FOR PARTICULARS RESPECTING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRITISH MINISTER FROM SOFIA.

Mr. Butler said that the reasons for the withdrawal were given in the Note presented to the Bulgarian Government and were briefly the presence of an ever-increasing force of German troops on Bulgarian soil, the object of which could only be to menace and, if necessary, attack Britain's ally, Greece.

The active cooperation of the Bulgarian Government in the German occupation was incompatible with the maintenance of British diplomatic representation in Bulgaria.

"His Majesty's Government have no doubt that Bulgaria will live to regret her decision."

The Speaker intervened and intimated that the matter did not arise when Mr. Butler was asked to particularise on the attitude of the Soviet Government towards the invasion of Bulgaria. — Reuter.

EMPIRE AIR TRAINING PLAN

MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD, NEWLY APPOINTED BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CANADA, RECENTLY SPENT A DAY WITH THE CANADIAN CORPS IN ENGLAND AND LATER EXPRESSED HIGH APPRECIATION OF THEIR FINE ORGANISATION.

He added: "The Canadians look thoroughly at home here and are in a position to defend this island if an onslaught is attempted, we must expect. I am impressed, too, by the excellence of the different kinds of materials Canada is sending over."

Mr. Macdonald said he was looking forward in the highest degree to his sojourn in Canada, where he could study at close range the Commonwealth air training plan.

"This plan is becoming one of the most important projects and we shall rely on it more and more as the war goes on." — British Wireless.

LONDON EVAGUEES ARE LEARNING WELSH

Thousands of evacuated London schoolchildren are to demonstrate how Wales has taught them to speak and sing in a new language.

For several weeks they have been putting in overtime at school in the Welsh valleys polishing their Welsh, and they will show their skill in songs and plays. Mr. A. Emil Davies, chairman of the London County Council, who he makes a whirlwind tour from Newport to the West.

A SMALL FIRE

A small fire occurred on the roof of the Tai Wo Restaurant, Laichikok Road, at 3.30 a.m. today. A fire appliance from Mongkok extinguished the outbreak.

GIFT PLANES FOR BRITAIN

The Maharajah of Travancore has given £11,250 for two Spitfires, to be named Travancore One and Travancore Two.

The Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, New Brunswick Chapter, have given £5,844 to British Wireless.

CALLED "SPY," SAYS SOLDIER'S WIFE

After complaining that neighbours had accused her of being a spy and a fifth columnist and had forced her to give up her home, a woman, fined 10s. at Bedford for black-out offence, burst into tears and said, "This is the last straw."

The woman, Mrs. Mabel Gregory, of Kennedy Road, Bedford, added that should could not pay the fine as she was only receiving an Army allowance from her husband. She was given seven days in which to pay.

She said that the gossip of her neighbours was compelling her to forfeit a £40 deposit on her house, which she had to leave.

WEDDING TO-DAY

The marriage took place at the Registry Office this morning between Mr. Lee Wing Vor, merchant, of No. 2, Maple Street, and Miss Chen Po Kan, of No. 11, Tung Cheong Building. Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

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HERE IS THE FIRST AND ONLY EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE DARING AND CONSPICUOUSLY SUCCESSFUL RAID BY BRITISH NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES ON GERMAN OBJECTIVES ON THE NORWEGIAN COAST ON TUESDAY.

As we steam away from the scene of operations, great pillars of smoke and flame, rising against and dwarfing the snow-covered mountains which drop sheer into the sea along this part of the fjord leading to Narvik, testify to the effective destructiveness of the raid.

One dense black column reaches to a height of 6,000 feet while another envelopes the mountains for miles in a thick, foglike veil. The operation took the Germans completely by surprise. For hours the British warships were on "Hitler's doorstep" but no attempt was made to interfere with them.

It may be considered as a further sign that on land as well as at sea and in the air, Britain has now passed from the defensive to the offensive in Europe.

Factories Destroyed

There was satisfaction in the completion of their task, which included the destruction of factories and shipping and the taking of German and Quislingite prisoners. In the four principal fishing ports of the Lofoten Islands, fish oil factories and a power station were destroyed and all oil storage tanks turned.

Nine German merchant ships, a Norwegian ship and an armed German trawler, totalling 18,000 tons, were sunk. Two hundred and fifteen Germans and 10 Quislingites were taken prisoner while one German

ONLY MINOR ISSUES REMAINING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Matsuoka, Japan's Foreign Minister, visited the French Embassy at 5 p.m. yesterday to confer with the French Ambassador, M. Arsene Henri, regarding the Indo-China-Thailand negotiations.

The talks were resumed at 8 p.m. at Mr. Matsuoka's residence and ended at 8.30 p.m. when the French Ambassador was observed to leave with a pleased expression on his face.

It was learned from usually reliable sources in Tokyo last night that Vichy has agreed to accept the main points in the Japanese proposals, and that prolongation of the negotiations concern only some minor issues raised by the Vichy Government. — International News Service.

there had time to discover what was happening.

So intense was the cold that spray breaking over the boats froze as it fell on them.

Within 10 minutes of landing the troops had taken control of the telegraph station, post office and police station.

Next they turned their attention to the oil, cod-liver oil and cod fishing factories, known to be working for the Germans, and soon six of these had been destroyed.

The English manager of one factory was rescued and brought back to Britain.

Three petrol storage tanks were also destroyed by this group.

Arrival in Britain

Over 200 German prisoners and Quislingites, with some Norwegian loyalists, from Lofoten, arrived at a British port last night.

The Norwegian loyalists were in happy mood.

The Germans and Quislingites were under very strong guard. — Reuter.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL BREESE KILL IN AIR CRASH

Air Vice-Marshal Breese has been killed on active service as a result of a flying accident.

The Vice-Marshal was appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 18 (Reconnaissance) Group in September, 1938, and was promoted Air Vice-Marshal in July last year. — Reuter.

KING DECORATES SAILORS

Watched by a crowd of officers and men from warships, the King yesterday held a little ceremony in a dockyard when he decorated three Norwegian sailors with the British Distinguished Service Medal and also decorated eight seamen, petty officers and a Marine of the British Navy.

With Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Rumsay, Commander-in-Chief, Rosyth, the King boarded two warships and other warcraft which chase U-boats and sweep mines.

Belgian and Norwegian naval ratings mingled with British sailors and cheered him as he walked from the jetty.

The King also visited the Fleet Air Arm, and earlier, at Edinburgh, the King and Queen visited the first community feeding centre in Scotland, where 150 people were enjoying lunch of soup, roast beef and vegetables and sweets at a cost of 11d.

The Queen christened a catapult for a warship and in a factory the King and Queen had a long talk about Trade Unionism with three shop stewards. — Reuter.

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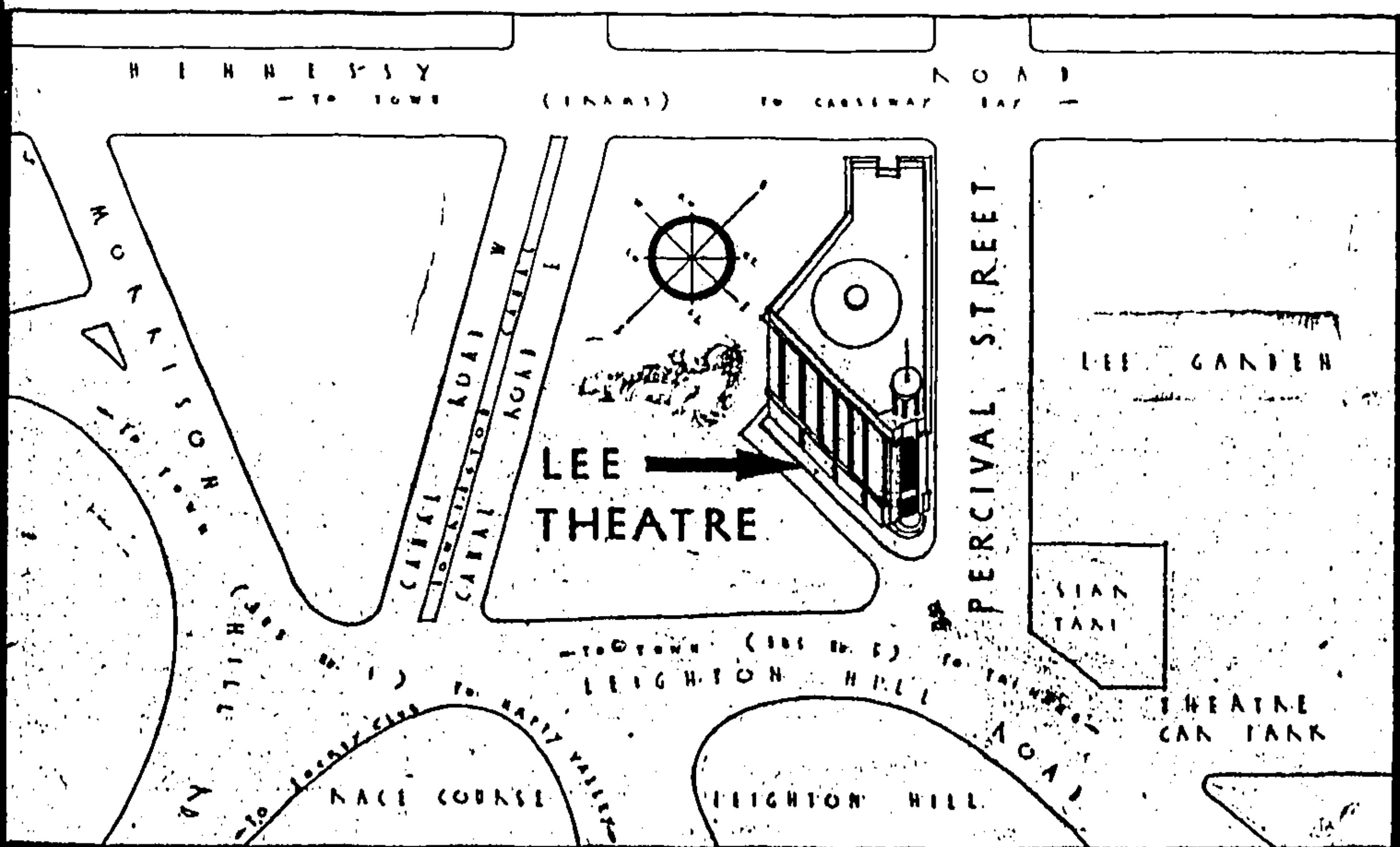


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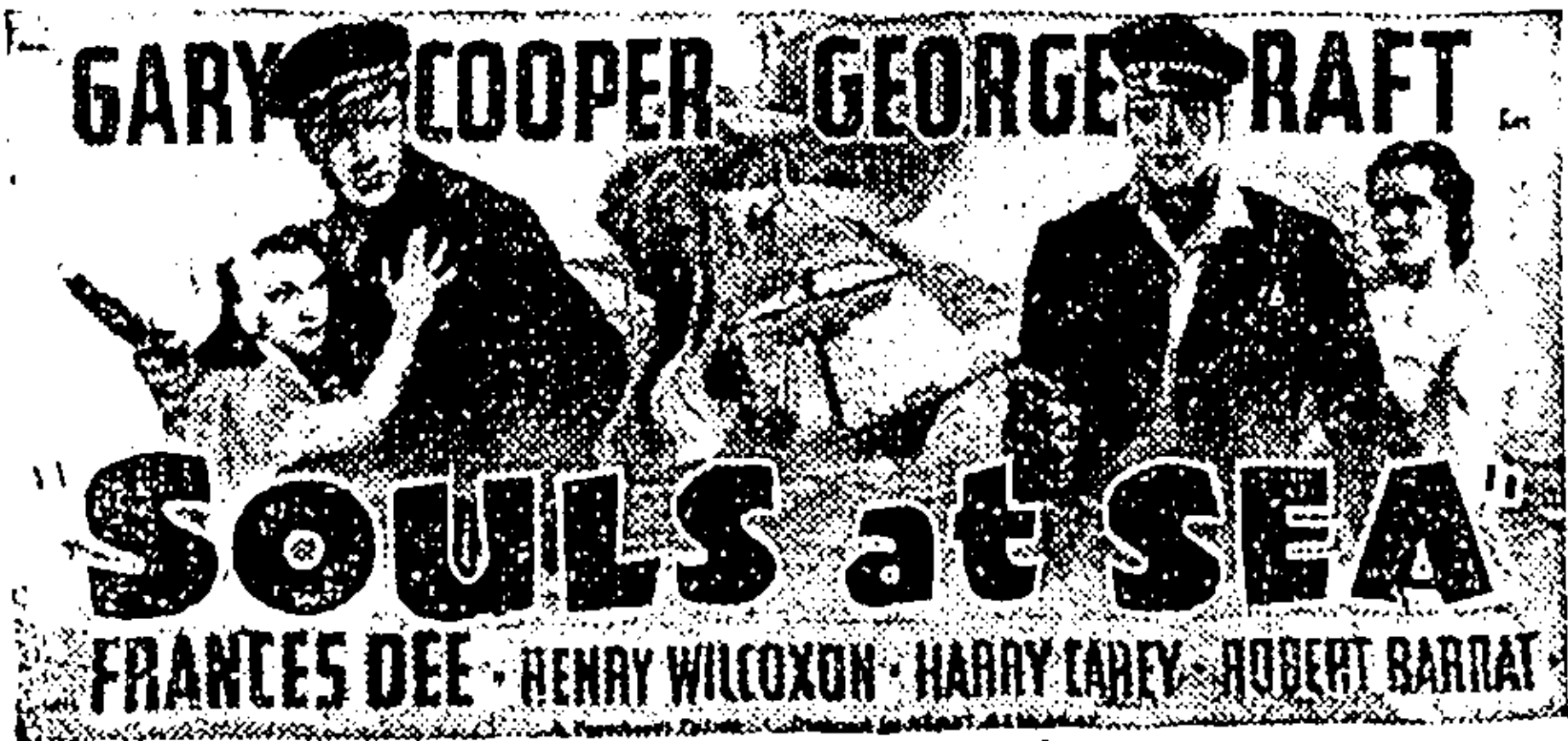
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GESTAPO TRAP IN HOLLAND

Street fights, strikes, sabotage and campaigns of organised insults to the German armed forces in Holland, are giving the Gestapo such trouble that they have resorted to setting traps in the hope of catching the organisers by a "help Britain" bait.

Radio Orange—the Dutch Government broadcasting station in Britain—has issued a warning to loyal Dutch not to be caught by Gestapo tricks, and yesterday's issue of "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, disclosed the sort of trap the Gestapo laid—and it is believed very successfully—recently.

Gestapo agents, says the paper, deliberately spread a story that all those young men who wished to join the Netherlands Legion in Britain should report at certain country districts, where there was a large isolated lake.

A British flyingboat, it was said, had been landing on the lake and took off volunteers thought suitable for the Legion.

The Gestapo were waiting at the scene when the would-be volunteers arrived and all those trapped by the Gestapo are stated to be in the Schevening Prison. — Reuter.

DUTCHMEN CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Sixteen Dutchmen have been condemned to death by the military court at The Hague, says a despatch to the German news agency yesterday.

Remainder of 43 accused, the message adds, have been sent to prison or fined except six, who were acquitted.

The men were charged with sabotage, espionage, and plotting to assassinate German soldiers by the use of poisoned pencils, drawing-pins and drinks.

Accused were alleged to belong to a secret society whose aim was to make the life of the German occupation troops as difficult as possible. — Reuter.

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"But in this case the man will be lucky. His rifle has been recovered, so he won't have to buy a new one. He would certainly have to pay up if his rifle hadn't turned up and he had no good explanation."

"Many rifles are lost on active

service, of course, but they are replaced without charge to the soldier."

"Fortunately, the men are extremely careful about their equipment. A lost rifle is so rare as to be an event."

MAN BEATEN UP

Suffering from serious head injuries, Tsoi Shun, 24, was picked up by the Police in Wagp Street, Kowloon City, at 7.15 a.m. to-day.

The man is said to be in a critical condition. It is believed that he was attacked by a gang.

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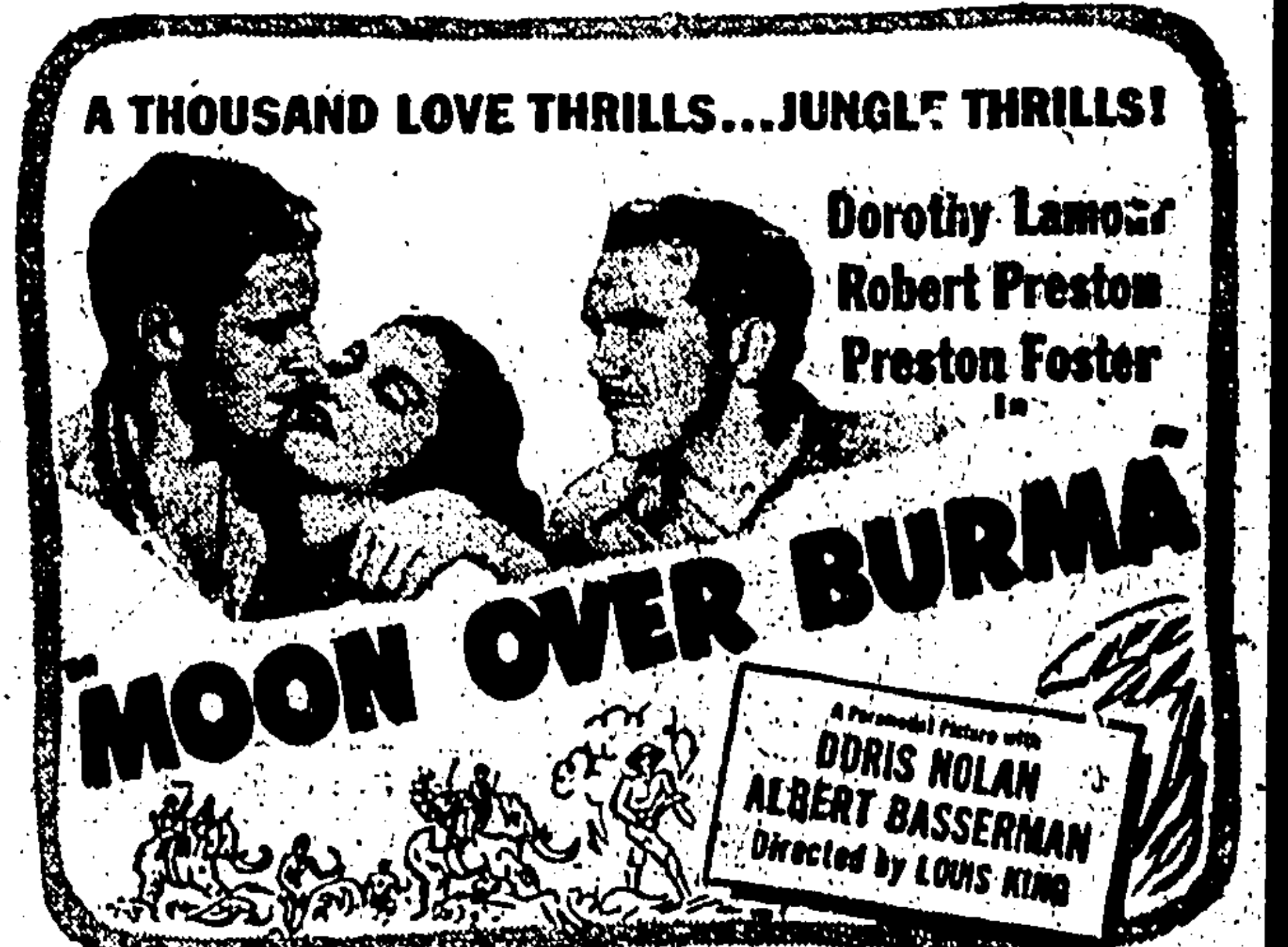
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MAJOR MILITARY SUCCESS OF THE ABYSSINIAN PATRIOTS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent
Somewhere In Abyssinia)

THRUSTING THROUGH parched mountainous country, the Abyssinia Patriot Army, led by British and Australian officers, scored their first major military success with the capture of the well-fortified market town of Burye which was evacuated on Tuesday.

The fall of Burye follows relentless guerilla activities of which cavalry behind the Italian lines formed a part.

Previous advances have been largely the result of Italian withdrawal but Burye was defended by Italian artillery, wire fortifications and a garrison estimated at two brigades.

The next point of any importance along the road to Addis Ababa is Debra Marcos, some 40 miles nearer the capital, but it is believed that this is no more strongly defended than Burye.

Strategic Road

The strongest natural defence now existing between the Patriot Army and Addis Ababa is the beginning of the Blue Nile a further 30 miles on and this is a large canyon about a mile deep.

Debra Marcos is situated at a road junction which includes the strategic road from Addis Ababa to Gondar. The cutting of this road would be a serious blow for the Italians. — Reuter.

CHINESE DIVER DROWNED

A 45-year-old Chinese diver, employed by the naval authorities at Aberdeen was drowned on Tuesday afternoon.

The man, Nip Tam, is believed to have met his death as a result of the development of a leak in the diver-suit which he wore while working below the surface.

MOTHER TO 500 CHILDREN

Mrs. Rose Marie Harris, is "mother" to 500 children and has brought another into the world in a canteen.

Mrs. Harris, who is thirty-four, is childless herself. She is "fairy god-mother," too, to all the people who use an East End shelter every night.

The reason is that in three months she has turned a bare shelter in Stratford, London, E., into some thing like home.

Three months ago the shelters had nothing. Now, they have boarded-in floors, bunks, canteens and a first-aid post.

There are shelter marshals, first-aid and canteen workers all voluntary.

Mother Christmas

Decorations were already going up for a party when I visited the shelter, writes a special correspondent.

There was no difficulty in finding Mrs. Harris among the many shelterers. Everyone knew her.

I was told how night after night when the canteen closed at ten o'clock and the shelters turned in she would walk round, making sure that blankets were wrapped securely around the children.

"Badgered" Council

And of how, during the last few days, she had spent her nights at work in the shelter and then gone "screaming" during the daytime among the local tradesmen seeking gifts for the party.

Nothing seems beyond the capabilities of Mrs. Harris, whose husband is a first-aid worker. Recently a woman was taken ill during the night and Mrs. Harris was sent for. She ordered her immediate removal to a canteen, where the lighting was better.

Swift orders were given to canteen worker Jack Dunham and shelter marshal George Towse to get plenty of hot water.

Within a few minutes an 8lb. baby son was born to Mrs. Daisley, twenty-seven-year-old wife of a scrap metal merchant.

Mrs. Daisley already has a baby son and daughter, and now the three children shelter nightly with Mrs. Harris keeping an over-watchful eye on their welfare.

Shelter Marshal Towse said: "Everything we have got we owe to the energies of Mrs. Harris. She has badgered council officials."

Mrs. Harris said: "I feel that it is the duty of everyone to be neighbourly and help each other at such a time."

"That's all I'm doing, and if it helps to win the war I'm satisfied."



Melvyn Douglas, who co-stars with Loretta Young in "He Stayed for Breakfast," playing to capacity houses at the King's Theatre.

TREASURE STORE IN A CAVE

A tiny stone quarry "somewhere in Britain" is soon to be filled with priceless art treasures belonging to the nation.

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Workmen who are preparing the cave in the heart of a mountain have been sworn to secrecy. A Government official is in charge.

Nearly the ordinary work of the quarry goes on. It will continue to do so, even after the secret arrival of lorries to fill the treasure cave.

The quarry is miles from any town, high in a mountain range. It can only be reached by a low gear climb along a winding car track.

JAPAN'S CLOSING OF CHINA DOOR

DIFFICULTIES PLACED in the way of British firms wishing to sell imported goods direct to consumers in occupied areas in China are still increasing, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the Commons at question time yesterday.

He was not in a position to say whether it was everywhere impossible to do so.

Mr. H. W. Kerr (Cons, Oldham) asked whether, as this was a gross violation of the Open Door policy, representations had been made to the Japanese Government.

Mr. Butler replied that these questions frequently had been taken up and the whole matter was under further consideration.

Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons, Bilston): "Are we working with America in this matter?"

Mr. Butler: "We always work with America."

Mr. Kerr next asked whether the Foreign Secretary was aware that the cost of the Japanese army in occupied China was largely met from revenue contributed by Japanese companies established under army supervision.

Monopoly Routes

Was the Foreign Secretary aware that all exports from occupied China have to leave via traffic routes over which Japanese companies have been granted monopoly, and was it proposed to take action to stop the resulting heavy tax on British traders?

Mr. Butler replied he could not repeat that as he informed the House on Feb. 26 the system of trade and exchange established by the Japanese tended to favour Japanese interests and the results effect on British trade had Government's constant attention. Reuter.

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THAILAND'S ASPIRATIONS

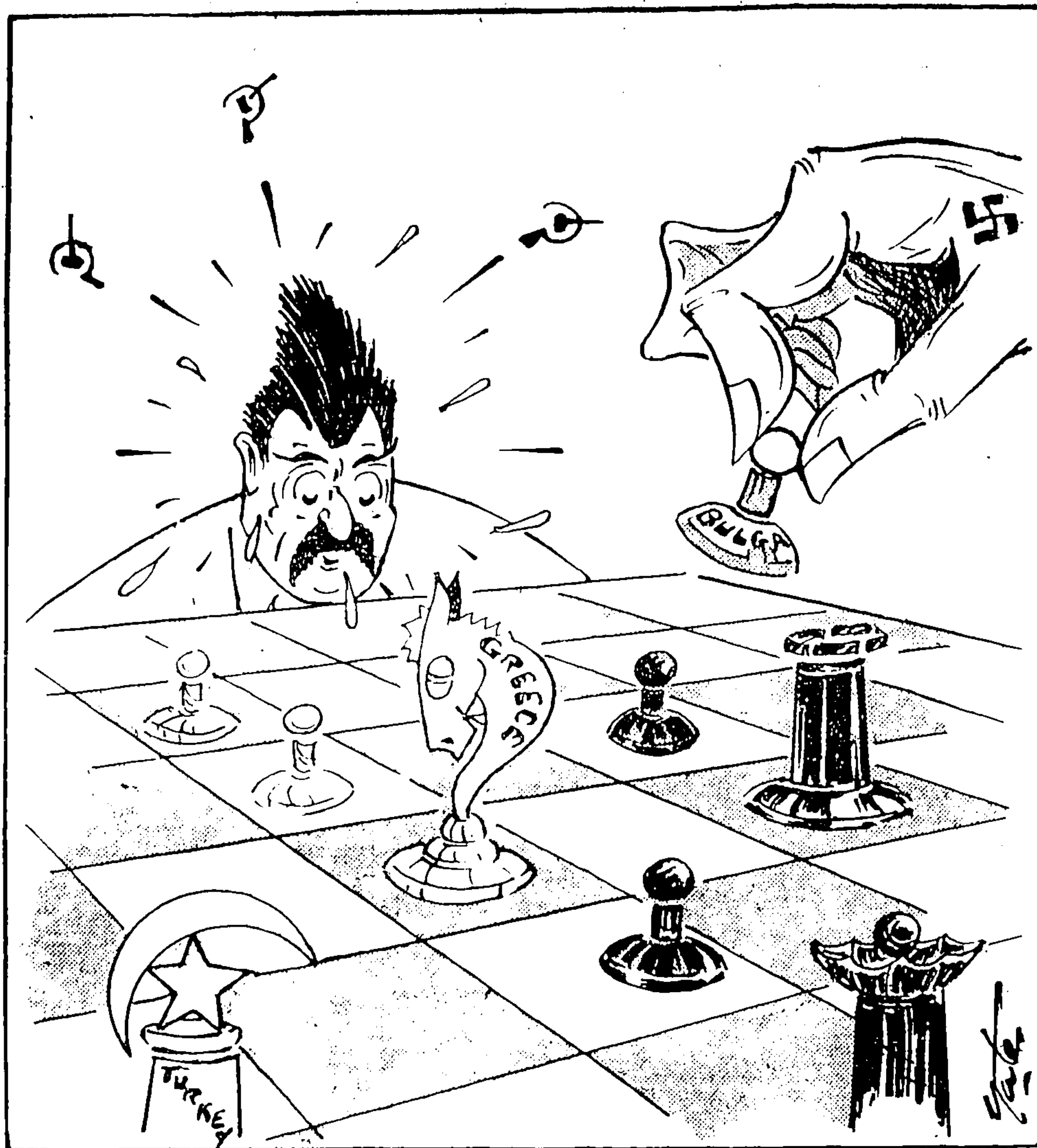
The history of French relations with Thailand over the period of the last century provides sufficient evidence of successive French encroachments of an imperialistic nature to justify Bangkok's enthusiastic welcome of Japan's 'mediation' proposals as requiring nothing of France which is not Thailand's just due.

Were this the sole issue involved, indeed, a dispute between two countries with an arbitrator's award resisted by one of the two parties, there would be little disposition to show any more patience with France than is at present being exhibited by Japan.

The whole of the circumstances connected with the episode, however, suggest very strongly that Japan's has been the guiding hand from the beginning, and that, wittingly or unwittingly, Thailand has permitted herself to be exploited as a tool in a bigger and more dangerous game. The protracted negotiations in Tokyo, for this reason, are being watched with close attention not unmixed with anxiety.

The final outcome, at the moment, cannot be predicted, but it is desirable that, if the worst comes to the worst, Thailand should bear in mind that she has other friends besides Japan. In September last she ratified a non-aggression pact with Britain which had been signed three months earlier. This caused much satisfaction in London, where it was felt that the treaty would have an important bearing on the part which Thailand may have to play as a factor for stability and peace in South-Eastern Asia. That is only if the renamed 'Land of the Free' insists on being allowed to work out its own destiny. As no more than a pawn in Japan's 'New Order' strategy, Thailand will realise, when it is too late, that in the totalitarian scheme of things small nations must only be puppets and the weak have no rights.

THE BALKAN CHESSBOARD



HITLER: "YOU DIDN'T KEEP THAT PIECE COVERED, DID YOU, JOE?"

Let's Have Some Nice Fresh Air

If a Gallup inquiry were held into the popular attitude to fresh air, I wonder which side would get the more votes—the advocates of fresh air or its enemies.

Those who dislike fresh air have, I think, the greater energy and are probably the more pugnacious. They have already succeeded in fixing a derogatory epithet on their opponents in the public mind and have made them infamous as "fresh air fiends."

This is good propaganda, and the lovers of fresh air have done nothing to counter it. They might have retorted with "fug fiends," but they are a patient race not given to revenge.

Not only in words but in deeds do the haters of fresh air show a superior activity. If a hater of fresh air gets into a railway compartment he will begin almost before he has taken his seat plotting and planning how to get the window shut.

It does not matter if he is sitting with his back to the engine or in the far corner from the window; he hates the thought that any trickle of fresh air should be allowed to invade the compartment and prevent the atmosphere from becoming soporific.

A little man of this temper came into a compartment in which I was sitting the other day and at once began staring miserably at the window that was open beside me. Other people came in and filled the compartment not only with themselves but with tobacco-smoke, but the little man kept fussing in his seat, coughing, and holding his coat-collar higher round his neck, while, every now

and then he would cast a look of anguish at the window.

As it was a beautiful sunny afternoon—a spring day out of season—I hardened my heart and pretended not to see his misery. At last, however, he rose to his feet, leaned over to me and made the earnest appeal: "Would you

By
Robert Lynd

mind having the window up a little?" Not having the determination of a fresh air hater, I yielded and pulled up the window, leaving only an inch open at the top.

Even that did not make the little man happy; and, indeed, it is my opinion that an inch of window in a railway train sometimes lets in a more malicious draught than a wide-open window.

Anyhow, the little man sat, with his head in his hands, making the most extraordinary noises in his throat, so that the passengers were afraid he was going to have a seizure. I am perfectly sure that this was all make-believe, because, when at last he got the window shut, his whole appearance changed and it was clear that he was as hale a man as is to be found in the Home Counties.

I am not myself, I may say, an out-and-out fresh air fiend. I have sat in a train-hating just like anybody else the person who kept a window open.

I remember travelling from Brighton one day during a coal

strike when there was no heating in the carriages. The day was icy, and an east wind was blowing, yet a young woman sitting in a corner kept the window wide open beside her as she read her novel.

The rest of us were all men, and none of us had the courage to ask her to behave with common humanity. As we shivered in our seats, we stared at her with detestation, and exchanged meaning and malevolent glances with each other. But she was apparently unconscious of her unpopularity.

I remember in particular one passenger with a red moustache whose nose got bluer and bluer as his feet got colder. When he arrived at London and the woman went off down the platform he turned to me with the frost of hatred sparkling in his eyes and said with intense bitterness: "The next time she goes by train she should travel on the roof."

It is seldom, however, that a fresh air fiend in a train gets his or her way in this fashion. I can remember only one other instance of a fresh air fiend successfully opposing the wishes of the rest of the passengers.

He was asked to close the window, though the day was mild. He said: "It's only fair to warn you, gentlemen, that I'm suffering from a bad attack of influenza, and, if the window is shut, some of you may become infected with the germs." The proposal to shut the window was not proceeded with.

I have often wondered whether the man really had influenza or whether he had merely discovered a clever trick by which he could

History Repeats

At the beginning of the last World War Bulgaria had entered into negotiations with the Allies thinking that she would recover some of the territory lost in the Balkan War of 1913. The people favoured the cause of the Allies, and many of the leading statesmen of Bulgaria were pro-Russian, but the Czar Ferdinand and his supporters leaned towards Berlin and

By W. Rees Harriss

Vienna, who promised them an outlet on the Aegean as well as the Greek territory of Epirus. Ferdinand's policy resulted in a secret treaty with the Central Powers, and only became known to the people when Bulgaria commenced military operations on the side of Germany with an attack on Serbia in the late Autumn of 1915.

This action aroused the wrath of the then Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Sazonoff, resulting in the breaking off of diplomatic relations. The ultimatum sent by Russia to Bulgaria followed on a statement containing these words: The whole Russian nation is aroused by the unthinkable treachery of Ferdinand and his government to the Slavic cause. Bulgaria owes her independence to Russia, and seems now willing to become a vassal of Russia's enemies.

The opening words of the Russian ultimatum are almost applicable to the situation which has preceded Bulgaria's present alignment with Germany, viz:—

"Events which are taking place in Bulgaria at this moment give evidence of the definite decision of King Ferdinand's Government to place the fate of its country in the hands of Germany. The presence of German and Austrian officers at the Ministry of War and on the staffs of the army, the concentration of troops on the zone bordering on Serbia, no longer leave any doubt as to the object of the military preparations of Bulgaria. The ultimatum concluded with the words:—'The Russian Minister has, therefore, received orders to leave Bulgaria with all the staffs of the Legation and the Consulates, if the Bulgarian Government does not within twenty-four hours break with the enemies of the Slav cause and Russia, and does not at once proceed to send away the officers belonging to the armies of states who are at war with the powers of the Entente.'"

A similar ultimatum was sent at the same time by Great Britain and France.

The Bulgarian Government emboldened by the thought that German arms must eventually triumph, flouted the ultimatums. She denied the presence of German officers on the staffs of the Bulgarian army, and even if they were present, she said, it was the concern of Bulgaria only.

How Ferdinand lost his throne and Bulgaria finally collapsed are common knowledge.

get his way about keeping windows open in railway trains.

On the whole, I think fresh air is becoming more popular than it used to be. Behind black-out curtains we miss those agreeable currents of air that used to prevent stagnation. In air-raid shelters, too, many of the shelterers must long for the return of the amenities of a draughty home.

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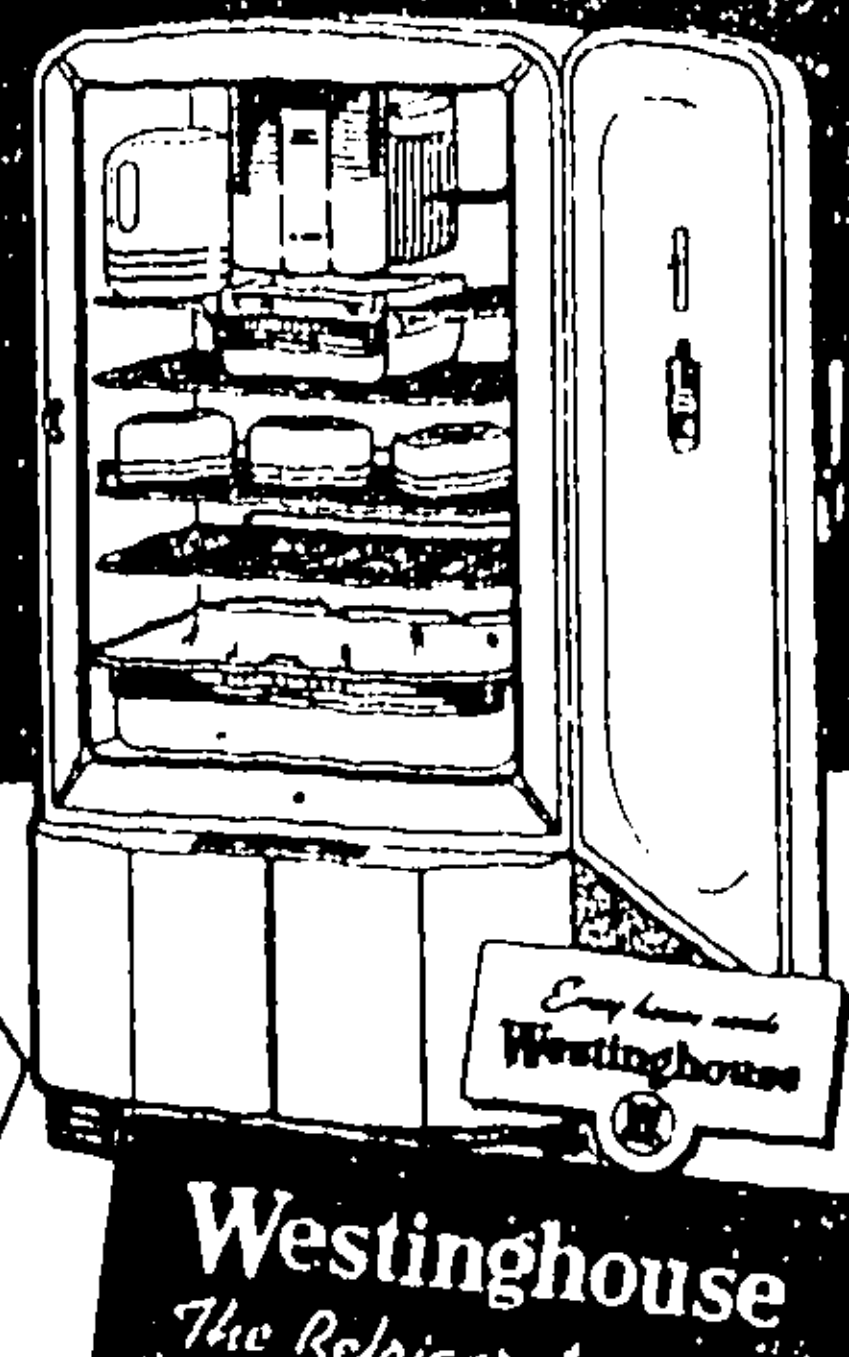
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THE FREEDOM OF NORWAY NO LONGER PLEDGED

SWEDISH PRESS reports from well-informed Oslo sources state that the German occupation authorities have informed Major Vidkun Quisling's government that it must not count on the re-establishment of Norway's independence even after a German victory.

A German promise of such independence had until now constituted the chief incentive and propaganda theme of the Quislingists.

The report states that the Germans declared the prerequisite for the liberation of Norway would be complete acceptance by her people of the Nasjonal Samling (Norwegian Nazi party) and its ideals. A condition to the ultimate withdrawal of German troops is the creation of Norwegian armed forces sufficiently strong for the defence of the country.

Far from encouraging the Norwegian defence preparations, the German military authorities recently decided to build fortifications for themselves in Norway, which the Swedish press says cannot be looked upon as provisional but definitely of a permanent character.

That there has been such a German warning, coinciding with the visit of Heinrich Himmler, head of all German police, seems corroborated by the recent change in the attitude of Major Quisling's administration and propagandists toward the problem of future Norwegian independence.

Major Quisling, who previously had always emphatically declared Norway would regain her freedom after a German victory, now says only that "Norway will regain her freedom to the greatest possible extent."

That the tension in Norway is close to the breaking point is deduced by the Swedish press from leaflets distributed throughout Norway by a secret patriotic organisation, asking Norwegians to abstain from too hasty and violent actions against the Quislingists and German soldiers. "The day will come," say the leaflets, "when we shall all together go into action, but not before the signal

has been given. Passive resistance, however, must continue."

Arms Smuggled

Unconfirmed reports say small British and Norwegian craft are smuggling arms into Norway at night, dropping them at agreed places, where they are picked up by Norwegian patriots.

Presumably as a result of Herr Himmler's visit, the Quislingists are reported trying to teach prison wardens sadism. Many wardens are said to have resigned rather than comply with orders that "instructions for the humane treatment of political prisoners no longer have validity" and those who do not "show an accommodating spirit" must be treated brutally.

Especially hard treatment prevails in Oslo's Moellegate prison, the Swedish press reports. A prison warden, Hjalmar Jensen, and a prison cashier, Mrs. Janne Leiche, are said to have been dismissed because they dared report to the German authorities brutalities practiced in the prison.

Decrees Put Above Review

The newly appointed Norwegian Supreme Court has ruled unanimously that no Norwegian court is competent to test, with respect to international law, the decrees issued by the German Reichskommissar.

Decrees issued by Norwegian authorities with the approval of the Reichskommissar also are free from Supreme Court review. Members of the former Sup-

ANTI-NAZI JOKES IN AUSTRIA

The Nazis are finding that there is one thing they cannot crush in the countries they have overrun. It is a sense of humour. More and more, humour is being used as a weapon against the conquerors.

In a message the Special Correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" in Budapest reported that in Austria anti-Nazi jokes are now heard in public which formerly would have meant the arrest of the perpetrators.

A neutral business man who arrived in Budapest from Vienna stated that discontent was growing. Baldur von Schirach, once Reich Youth Leader and now Nazi Commissioner of Vienna, is so hated that citizens would prefer the return of his predecessor in office, Buerckel, who became Gauleiter for the Saar.

Criticism is much more open than it was six months ago, and cabaret artists often venture the most astounding jokes at the expense of the regime. The Gestapo considers that in such cases it is more diplomatic not to make arrests.

In a recent football match between Austrian and Reich teams the Germans were constantly booed and hissed. Later the Austrians set fire to the motor-coach which was to take the Germans home.

The Dutch Way

In Holland, Dutch humour is annoying the Nazis. These stories against the Germans, published in "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper, have been received from various Dutch correspondents.

The principal bookseller in The Hague was ordered to remove a small portrait of Queen Wilhelmina from his window. He immediately replaced it by a gigantic photograph of Hitler. Beside it was a book by Ma Braun, the famous Dutch swimming teacher, with the title "How to Swim."

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NEW SYSTEM OF RECRUITING TO INDIAN ARMY

THE RESOLUTION introduced in the Indian State Council by General Auchinleck, the G.O.C., for the recruiting for the Indian forces from all classes, was passed unanimously yesterday.

After reviewing the existing situation the G.O.C. said that for the last 80 years there had been no wars worth the name, civil or otherwise, within the frontiers of India proper.

Before this time there were three distinct armies in India, the armies of Madras, Bombay and Bengal.

The cessation of armed strife in the country and the removal of war and the threat of war on the north-western approaches to India resulted to some extent in rusting the two southern armies, particularly perhaps the Madras army.

Large-scale conversion of Madras into Punjab regiments was carried out by Lord Kitchener and he had considerable justification for the action.

Soldiers in Northern India made the fullest use of the opportunities thus offered and their record of gallantry and devotion to duty was second to none. India owes them a great debt.

War Expansion

Despite, however, the greater opportunities for service training afforded men of the north, the war of 1914/18 showed very clearly that many older but less well-known classes had by no means lost their spirit.

In that war expansion generally speaking followed the lines of the existing class composition of the army.

After the war the army was drastically reduced and under these circumstances one could hardly blame them for clinging to those races and classes which proved themselves as soldiers for a long period of years, instead of launching out in experiments with less well-trying material.

This war did not differ much from that of 1914.

New Units

It soon became obvious in India, as in other parts of the Commonwealth, that a speedy and vast expansion of the armed forces was necessary.

"Here I would like the House to consider how technical and complicated is the process of expanding and raising an army. To form new units one must have a leaven of trained officers and N.C.O.'s.

"The modern unit is a complicated and intricate fighting machine taking months to assemble in good running order.

"Generally speaking, the Indian Army is organised on a class basis, with units each composed of one class. The system is a long-



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standing one and owes its existence to the difficulties involved in administering a unit comprising men of all classes and creeds and of widely different habits.

Class Modification

"I do not say it is immutable. It has been and is being modified in certain directions already. The Indian Military Academy at Dehra Dun is an outstanding example.

"I believe considerable progress in the abolition of class exclusiveness between rank and file has been made in the Royal Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force.

"These services, however, though important, are relatively small forces compared to the Army, which, moreover, has its own very strong and ancient traditions.

"To attempt to change these traditions and introduce radical alterations in the system of Army organisation in the middle of a war would, I think, be a most hazardous experiment.

"As a theory, a common system of enlistment, irrespective of class and creed, undoubtedly has much to recommend it. For the moment, however, we must build on what we know to be a firm foundation.

Traditional Lines

"For these reasons, the first expansion of the Army followed traditional lines and consisted largely, but by no means altogether, in the duplication of existing units, but progress is being made in the enlistment of other classes.

"Last week I saw at work the first regular Bengali unit—a battery of heavy artillery. Also a Territorial force battalion of the Hyderabad Regiment, which enlisted solely from the province of Bihar. Also a Madras Territorial battalion, which though in existence barely six months, showed every sign of becoming a most useful acquisition to the Army."

The G.O.C. revealed that since war began the strength of the Madras Army had risen from 4,000 men to well over 10,000 and was still increasing.

The same process was proceeding in respect of other classes but it was a slow process because there were no established units from which the nucleus of Viceroy's commissioned and non-commissioned officers could be drawn.

Own Leaders

"With the present system of class composition I think it essential that men of each class should have their own leaders with whose speech and temperament they are familiar."

The G.O.C. announced he had already issued instructions that the old Madras Regiment, which finally disappeared in 1926, is to be revived and restored to its rightful place in the Army List.

The First Battalion of this Regiment, which would be a regular battalion, is to be raised forthwith and will carry on its colours the battle honours of the old Madras Army, some of which go back nearly 200 years.

"I hope before long to be able to ensure the permanent representation of other provinces hitherto unmentioned in the Army List in the same war."

Uniting India

Speakers from all parties then present in the House expressed satisfaction at the G.O.C.'s state-

CLAIMS RUN WILD

In eighteen months of war the claims of the enemy High Command to have sunk or seriously damaged British warships have amounted to more than double the fleet possessed by the British Empire at the outbreak of war, states an Admiralty communique.

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ment and urged that the policy enunciated in the resolution be carried out as early as possible.

Pandit Kunzru, to whose resolution the G.O.C.'s was a substitute, declared it was evident the G.O.C. intended to do something and that he was anxious to carry the Legislature with him and unite India in the prosecution of the war.—Reuter.



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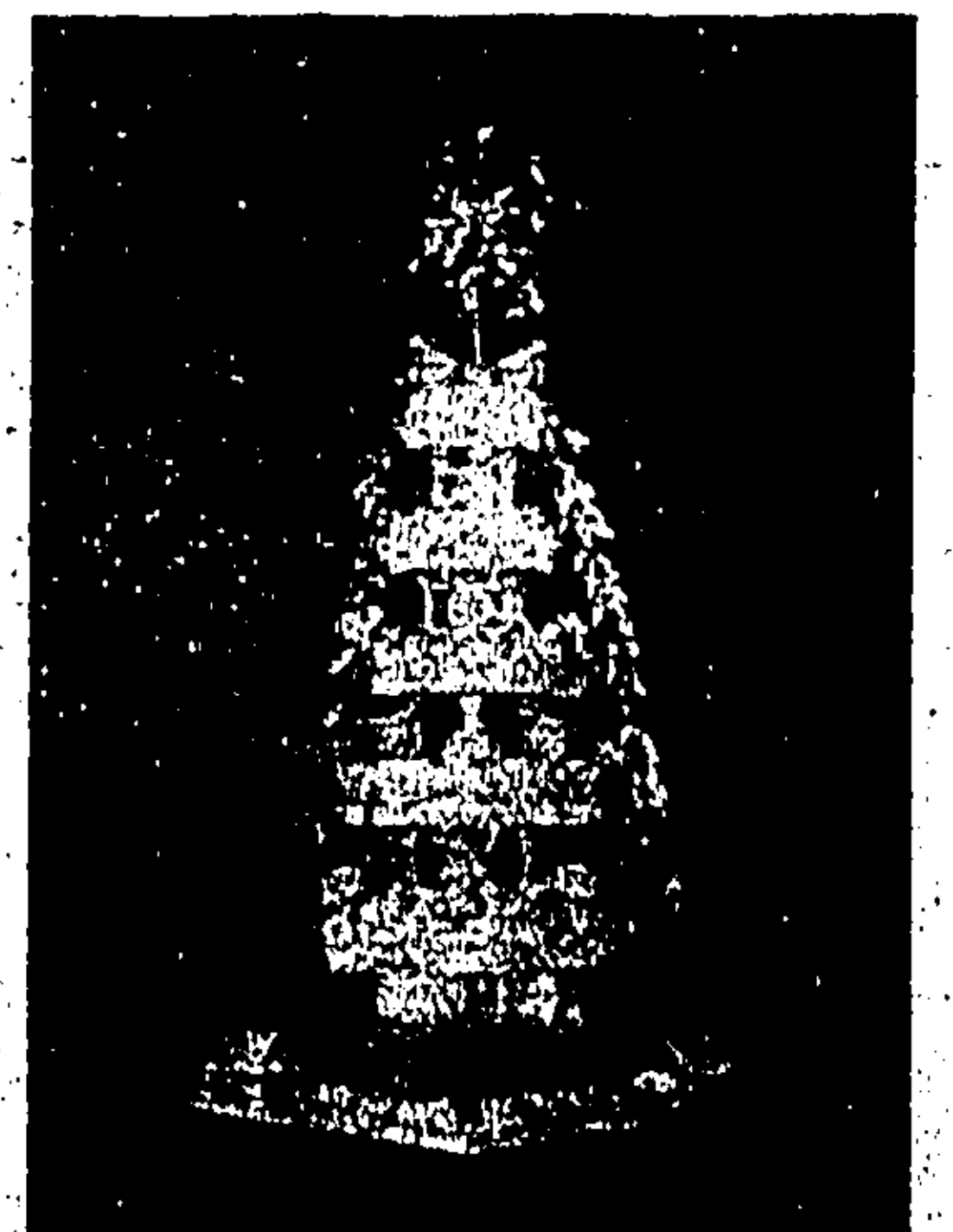
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

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NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941

Commissioners Powers Ordinance, 1886.

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

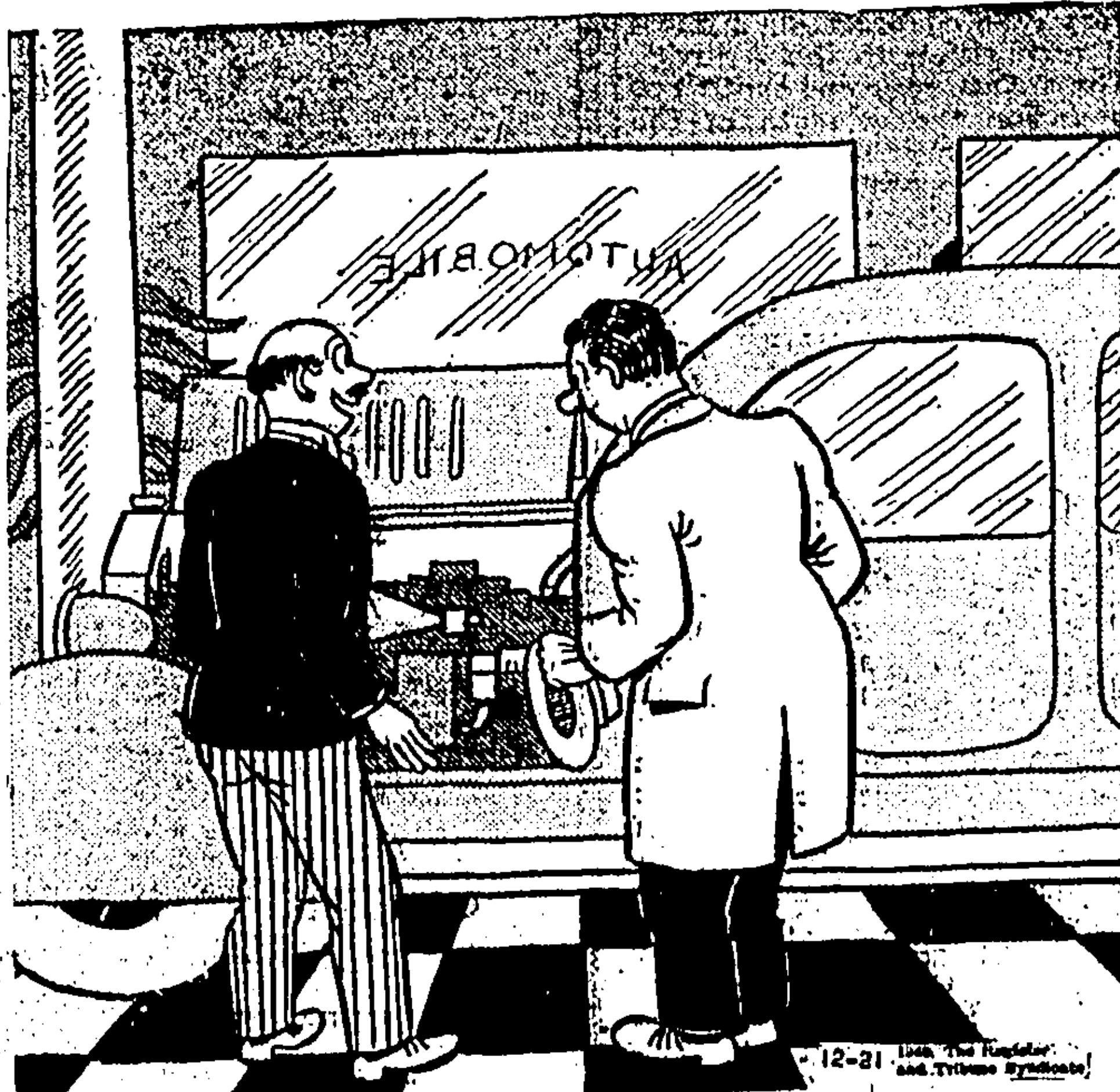
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BRIDGE NOTES

AN UNUSUAL HOLDUP

By The Four Aces

The holdup play (postponing or "holding up" the winning of a high card) is usually considered the property of Declarer, and is usually employed at no-trump to make it difficult for one defender to get to his partner's hand. But the holdup can be used also by the defending side even against a trump contract and may serve an entirely different purpose.

For example:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K J 9 6 3
♥ 6
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ 10 9 8

♠ 8 5 4 2
♥ 5 4
♦ A 10 7
♣ J 7 6 2

♠ A Q 10
♥ A Q J 10 9 3
♦ Q 6
♣ A Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

The bidding indicated a very powerful South hand, so West knew his partner might hold one Ace but not much more strength. If West could have seen which Ace it was, he could have led a diamond; and then an immediate club shift by East would have led to the contract's defeat. But if East had the club Ace instead of the diamond Ace, a diamond lead might well be disastrous; and either minor-suit lead might be bad if East happened to have the spade Ace.

All things considered, West decided, the singleton spade was the best opening lead. Dummy won with the spade Jack, and promptly finessed the Queen of hearts. It was at this point that West executed the unusual holdup play by dropping a low heart.

Fearing a spade ruff, South tried to exhaust trumps by cashing the heart Ace and returning the heart Jack. But now West took his heart King — and East promptly signalled with the ten of diamonds. That was the purpose of West's holdup — to wait until

East could signal which Ace he had. Now he could lead a diamond, ruff the spade return, and cash the diamond King to defeat the contract.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ Q
♦ 5 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maier
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Your partner must have fair three-card support for spades and has shown great strength by his jump to two no-trump. So there should be a fair play for game. It would be foolish to go to game in no-trump after you have succeeded in warning your partner away from just that.

Score 100% for four spades, 30% for three no-trump, 0 for pass.

Question No. 658

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7
♥ Q 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

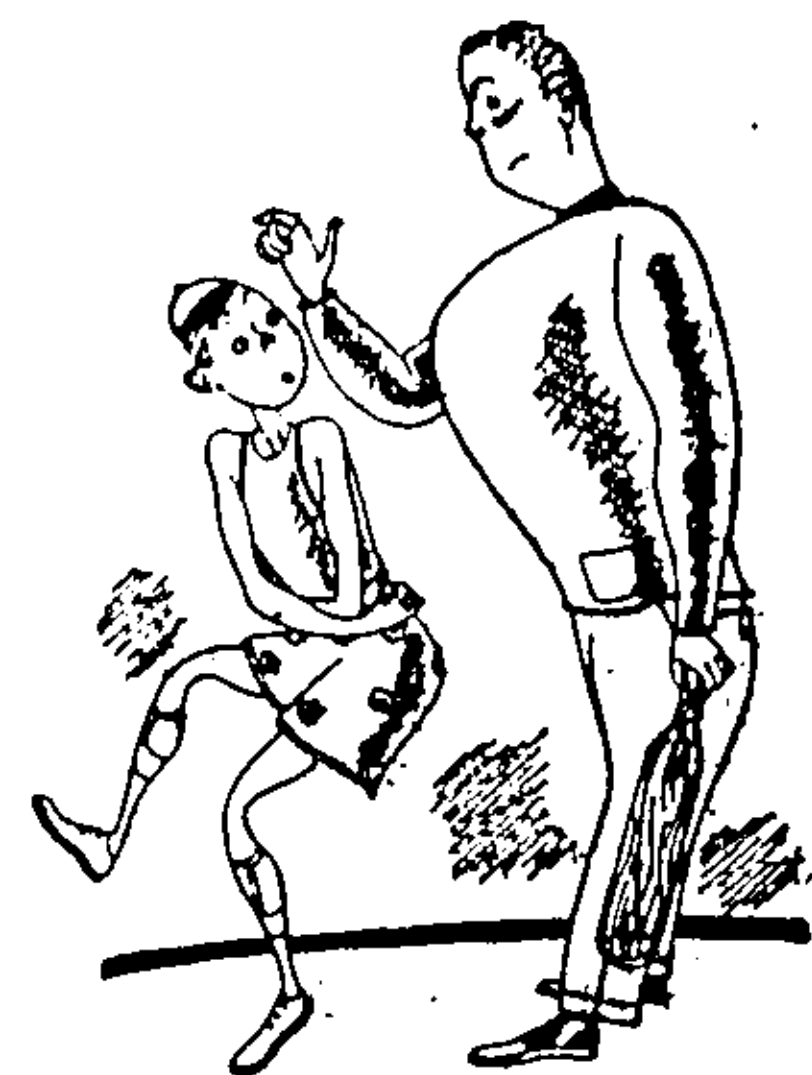
The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maier
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

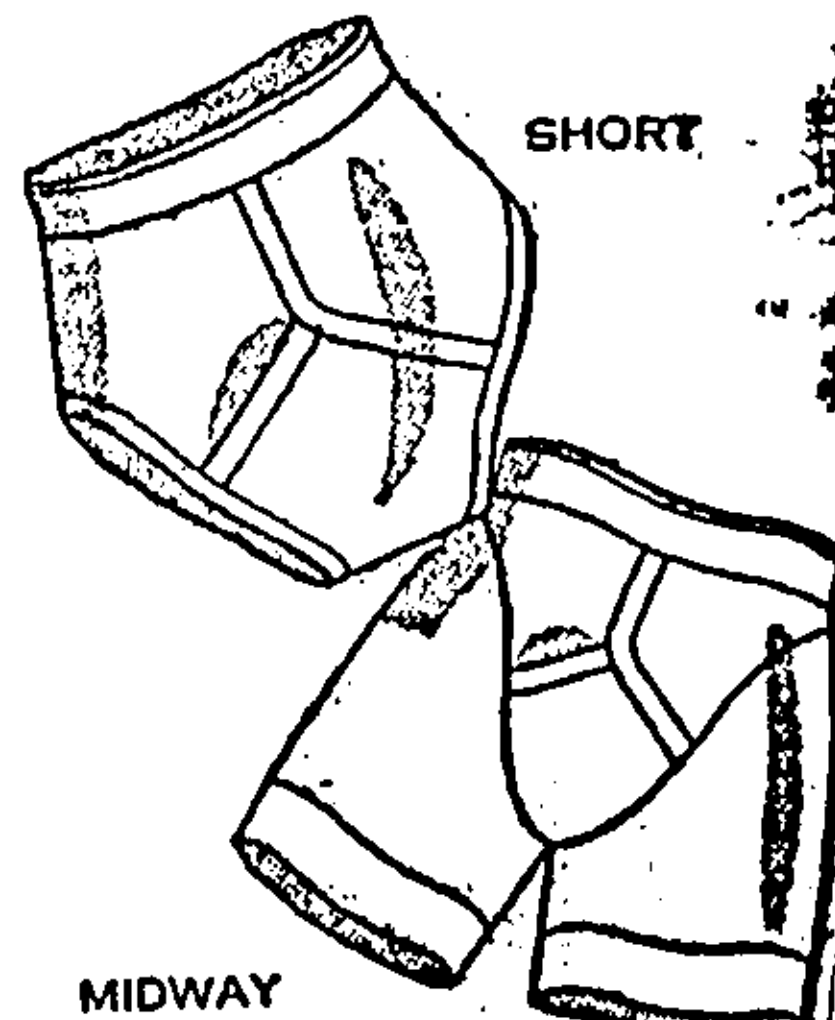
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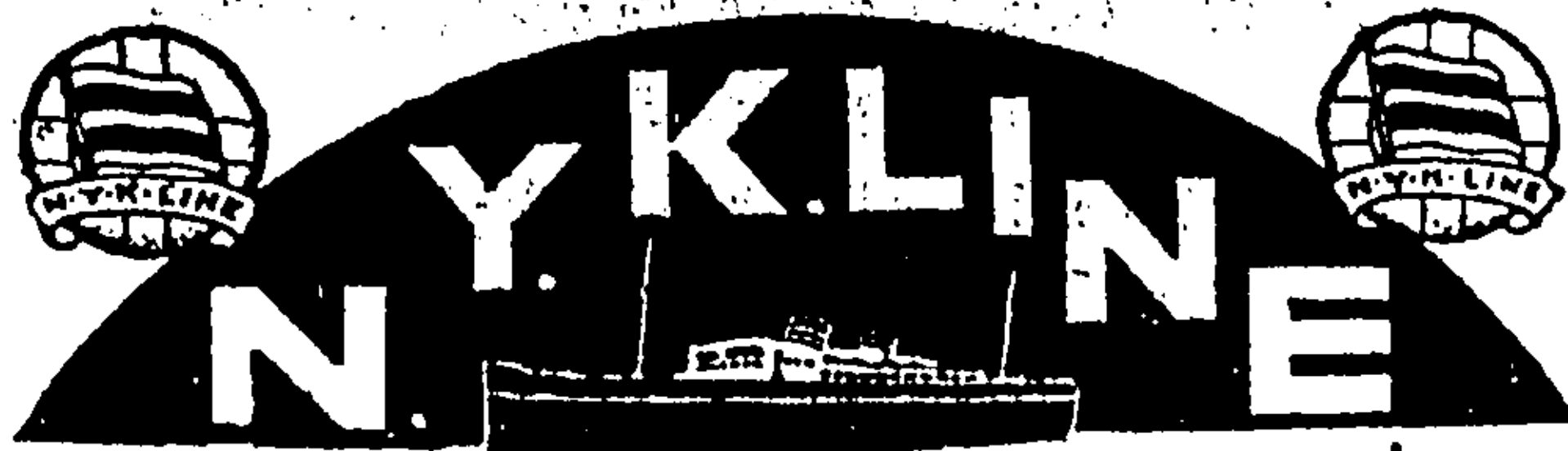
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Java and Manila	Mar. 7.
Saigon	Mar. 7.
United Kingdom and Manila	Mar. 7.
United Kingdom and Straits	Mar. 7.
SATURDAY, MARCH 8	
Canton	Mar. 8.
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MONDAY, MARCH 10	
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by Sea from Singapore	Mar. 10.
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Canton	5.00 p.m.
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*Tokio Maru	Sunday,	6th Apr.

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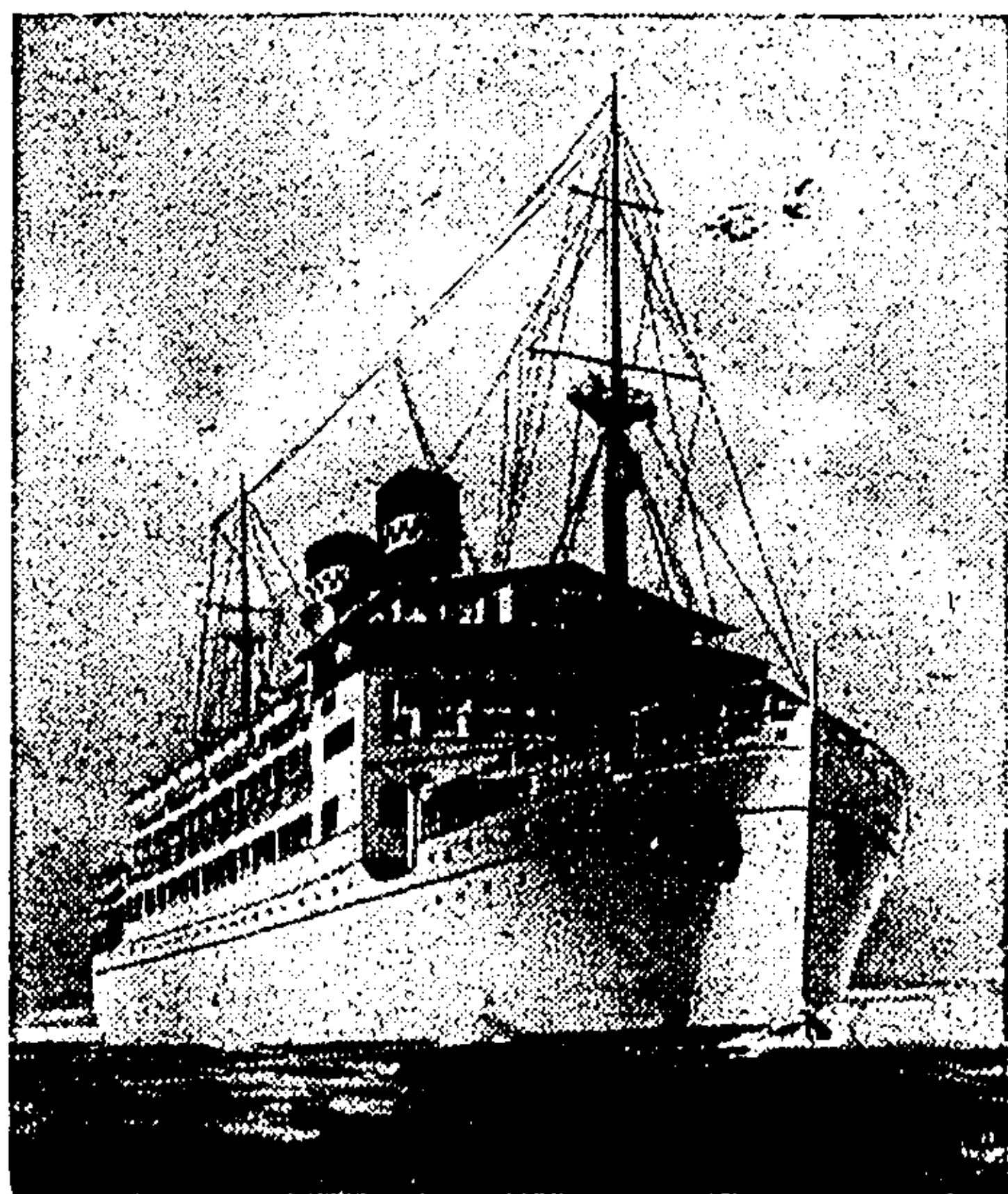
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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

The First Division soccer league should finish this week-end but several games have yet to be played owing to postponements due to Volunteer camp and other military duties.

The race for the championship which now lies between South China, last year's champions and Eastern is still on, and there is only one point separating these two teams and each have only two more games to play.

South China are favoured for the title again and have still Police to play, while Eastern's only real obstacle is St. Joseph's, a team that may give them a good game when they meet on Saturday.

Middlesex beat Royal Scots in the Regimental Derby by 3 goals to 1. Sheehan was again seen in the forward line but the man to impress most was Thomas, at left half, who gave a sound display and had a close hold on Hossack.

His display has been rewarded and he has been chosen as left half for the Association team in the Governor's Cup on Sunday next.

The recent improvement of the Kwong Wah team had no effect when they met the lowly placed St. Joseph's at Caroline Hill. St. Joseph's fielded the weakest team they have done this season and surprised by winning by the only goal scored by Santos.

Leonard and Bowen had much to do from preventing the Kwong Wah forwards from indulging in their usual game. Kwong Wah have not beaten St. Joseph's this season.

The surprise packet of Second Division was provided by Ordinance who beat South China for the second time this season.

The heavy ground suited the Ordinance while the sound tackling of the defence put the Chinese off their play.

Representative games and the Finals of the various competitions will be played every week-end for the rest of the season which finishes on April 12. These matches will be played on Sundays to allow the Saturdays free for postponed League games.

In order to catch up with their games, Club, who find that they are unable to play mid-week

ENTRIES FOR FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

Following are the entries for the First Extra Race Meeting, to be held on Saturday, March 15:—

RANDWICK PLATE (First Section). Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile.
Angel of Glory (152), Araxy II (152), Archber (152), Beauford (152), Buckfastleigh (152), Casino (149), Gold Roj (149), Jungle Love (149), Jus Gentium (149), Macy (149), Ophir (152), Rocky Beach (152), Seal River (149), Snow White (149), Sunspot (152) and Vitamin M (152).

62 Entries. 16 Drawn.
LOITERERS STAKES. Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Six Furlongs.

Charlesber (152), Eve of Deception (149), Eve of Paradise (152), Forty Six (152), Iron Beauty (152), Lovely View (152), Mauber (152), Night Express (152), Odeon (152), Raconteur (152), Sea Foam (152), So Nice (152) and Wonderful Scheme (152).

13 Entries.
RANDWICK PLATE (Second Section). Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile.

Bona Vacantia (152), Corsair (149), Daylight (152), Flying Fortress (152), High Hat (149), Hole In One (149), Loderstar (149), National Blessings (152), Princess Adelaide (152), Saratoga (152), Seventy Six (152), Sports Lady (149), Streamlet (149), Sydney Diamond (152) and Trade Wind (149).

62 Entries. 15 Drawn.

Games are now prepared to play on Saturdays and Sundays and by this means hope to complete their fixtures in time.

Sing Tao are doing well in Manila and have so far won all their games. They have still two matches to play one of which is against Combined Manila. They leave on Monday and are expected in the Colony on Wednesday in time for the Governor's Cup game.

The draw for the Shield competitions will be made on Wednesday. Last year's finalists are still in the Senior Competition and when these two teams clash, either in the Semi-finals or the Final, a record gate is anticipated.

Neither of the two remaining teams—St. Joseph's and Navy—appear able to beat the Chinese teams and their only hope of reaching the Final is to be drawn against each other. A good game should be seen there as the two teams are evenly matched.

MOONEE PONDS HANDICAP. Winner \$1,000. Second \$350. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1941, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

Ajax, A Roaring Time, Connteber, Contact, Criffel, Derby Day, Devonian, Flying Dutchman, Franklin, Income Tax, Piccadilly Jim, Pumpnickel, Rowan, Springhurst and Vixen Tor.

15 Entries.
RANDWICK PLATE (Third Section). Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile.

Angel of Peace (149), Anzac Day (149), Arnleber (149), Battle (152), Bendigo (152), Black Seal (152), Blue Gown (149), Dashing Beauty (152), Fresh Air (149), Harmony Star (149), Starlight View (149), Strathalbyn (149), Swallow (152), The Hawk (152), The Kuala Bear (152) and Too Hot (152).

62 Entries. 16 Drawn.

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Australian Diamond (150), Baffin Bay (154), Brutus (154), Coloony (145), Endeavour (145), Fair Chance (150), Far View (154), First Love (145), Fleetwing (145), Happy Returns (145), Jus Gentium (140), Marsh Warbler (145), Mountain View (140), National Courage (140), Piccadilly Jim (154), Starlight (145), Triumphant Day (150) and Viceroy (154).

18 Entries.

BROADMEADOWS HANDICAP. Winner \$1,000. Second \$350. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1941, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile.

Annabella, Bredon, Bruno, Cheerful Star, Cocklerol, Double Finesse, Maple Star, Quick Despatch, Sea Jay, Shuttlecock, Spring Shine, Twilight Star, Venus Bay and Winnie.

14 Entries.

RANDWICK PLATE (Fourth Section). Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile.

A Rosy Time (149), Bandito (149), Bonshaker (152), Chateauxquay (152), Corriedoo (152), Corvette (152), Joan (152), Linda (149), National Endurance (152), Optima Fide (152), Royal Sovereign (152), Sydney Lady (152), Tobarcoisho (149), Vigor (152) and War Tax (152).

62 Entries. 15 Drawn.

OAKLEIGH PLATE. Winner \$1,500. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile.

Amusement Tax (152), Ganberra (149), Iron Belle (152), King's Welcome (149), Locus Standi (152), Man-O-War (152), Miss Chalfont (149), National Courage (152), National Reform (152), Nomine Poenne (152), Oracle (149), Prairie View (152), Ratio Decidendi (152), Riverside (152), Subpoena (152), Tropical Love (152), Vanguard (152) and Vis Major (152).

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Perry and Fredman were seen in one of the best fights of the evening and both were congratulated by the referee at the conclusion of the fight. There were several knockouts during the afternoon while several bouts were not held owing to medical reasons.

BANTAMWEIGHT
The first fight of the afternoon between Pte. Hope and L/Cpl. Paping resulted in a win for Hope on points. Paping held out well for the three rounds, although Hope was the more experienced boxer of the two.

FEATHERWEIGHT
First String
In this contest Pte. Baker received a walk-over from Pte. Comberford who was marked unfit by the medical officer.
Second String
Pte. Hills beat Pte. Dewberry on points after a very good fight.

LIGHTWEIGHT
First String
Pte. Noble, who is the Battalion bell holder of the Featherweight class this year beat Pte. Chackfield in the first round by a knockout. Pte. Noble fought in this weight this year as there was no one to fight him in his own class.
Second String
Pte. Lanigan and Pte. Drake had a good hard fight which resulted in a win for Drake on points. This was Drake's last fight in the Battalion. He is leaving the Colony for home soon and at the conclusion of the competition he was congratulated by the Commanding Officer, Lieut-Colonel H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., on his fine sporting abilities, and for what he had done for the Regiment.

HEAVYWEIGHT
Pte. Moran had no difficulty in beating his opponent L/Cpl. Newbury by winning on a knockout in the first round.
WELTERWEIGHT
1st String
The last fight of the competition between Drum Major Holdford and Pte. Geist resulted in a win for Holdford who knocked out Geist in the second round.
The final placings of the Companies at the end of the competition were as follows:
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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

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COMMAND CROSS

COUNTRY RUNS

ON Tuesday a very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Annual Command Cross Country runs which started and finished from the Hong Kong Polo Club ground, Kowloon. It was the first occasion that a British Units Team had won the Garrison Challenge Cup for Cross Country for a long time.

This year the competition was split into two separate runs, one for British Personnel, and the other for Indian Personnel.

The first run started at 3.30 p.m. with five Indian Units running, and the first to finish were the 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. who registered 164 points, Punjab, were second with 349 points, and 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., third with 436 points, the remaining teams to finish were the Combined 8th & 12th Hvy. Regts., R.A. and the 5/7th Rajput Regt. respectively.

The individual winners were—
1. Sohan Singh (1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.). Time: 35 mins. 32 secs.
2. Lukman Khan (1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.). Time: 35 mins. 43 secs.
3. Naik Sirdhar Singh (8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.). Time: 35 mins. 59 secs.

These times were fast for this long and hard course. The British personnel started their run at 3.50 p.m. which resulted in a fine win for Middlesex Regt. who won with 161 points and had the 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13.

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15, 18, 24, 26, 27th men who were the twelve men in out of the first 27 home.

Royal Scots were second with 261 points, and Combined Small Units third with 409 points, and Combined Royal Artillery, and the Fortress Royal Engineers fourth and fifth respectively.

Individual winners were—
1. Pte. Manson (Royal Scots). Time: 37 mins. 7 4/5 secs.
2. Cpl. Hobson (Middlesex Regt.). Time: 37 mins. 21 3/5 secs.
3. L/Cpl. Dunne (Middlesex Regt.). Time: 37 mins. 34 2/5 secs.

The Garrison Challenge Cup for Cross Country was awarded to Middlesex Regiment who obtained 161 points, these being the lowest points recorded for a long time in this event, and the 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. were awarded the Cross Country Cup for the winners of the Cross Country with the next best aggregate 164 points, although the Indian Personnel had the best time for this course.

FOOTBALL

IN the next Governor's Cup match Army are well supported with L/Cpl. Banker, in goal, Sgt. Fraser, Sgt. Freshwater, L/Cpl. Bright, and L/Cpl. Thomas in the defence. This defence should do the Army honours in keeping the Chinese from getting through to score.

It has been decided that the Army will play Royal Navy in the Kotewall Cup Series either next Wednesday, March 12 or the following Wednesday, March 19, at Caroline Hill. The Army team will be as follows:—

L/Cpl. Bankier (Royal Scots); Sgt. Fraser (Royal Scots) and Pte. Naysmith (Royal Scots); Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Bright (Middlesex) and Cpl. Birrell (Royal Engineers); Sgt. Owens (Royal Artillery); Spr. Fox (Royal Engineers); Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots); Cpl. Weir (R.A.S.C.) and S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

RUGBY FOOTBALL

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday two games were played in the Army Rugby league.

Royal Scots and Royal Engineers had a hard game in which the Engineers emerged winners by three points to nil.

Royal Engineers have still an unbeaten record in this League and it looks very much like they will remain undefeated.

They have a fine team who work well together and they have an exceptionally good player in Cpl. Birrell who is a menace to any team playing against him.

The Suppers' try was scored by Sheldrake, but Birrell failed to convert, with Millar charging him down.

In the second match Gunners were far too good for Middlesex Regt. whom they defeated by 22 points to 6 after leading at the interval by eight points to three.

Capt. Mann of Middlesex was badly missed, and also Capt. Hewitt, and Pte. Berry, three of their most important players.

RUGBY LEAGUE TO DATE				
	P.	W.	L.	D. Pts.
Royal Engineers	5	5	0	0 10
Royal Artillery	4	3	1	0 6
Royal Scots	4	1	0	1 3
Middlesex Regt.	5	1	4	0 2
Combined Small Units	4	0	3	1 1

SNOOKER

MEDICAL Corps are still three points in the lead of the Royal Engineer Sergeants Mess, both having played the same amount of games.

Results of matches played on March 3 are as follows:—

R.A. Sgts. Mess Stanley 2 points—R.E. Sgts. 4 points.
R.E. "A" Team 2 points—C.M. Police 4 points.
Signals Cpls. 2 points—R.A.M.C. 4 points.

LEAGUE POSITIONS TO DATE				
	P.	W.	L.	D. Pts.
R.A.M.C.	9	5	1	3 36
R.E. Sgts.	9	5	2	2 33
C.M. Police	8	2	2	4 24
R.E. "A"	8	2	2	4 24
R.A. Sgts. Stanley	7	2	1	4 22
R.A.P.C.	8	2	3	3 21
Signals Cpls.	8	2	5	2 21
Signals "A"	8	2	6	0 17

BOXING

THE Command Individual Open Boxing competition which is due to take place next week might yet be cancelled owing to insufficient entries.



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J. BUCKS ESTABLISHES TWO JUNIOR RECORDS

FRANCO THE NEW SENIOR CHAMPION

DESPITE THE HEAVY STATE of the track, two records were broken at the Annual Athletic Sports of St. Joseph's College held at Caroline Hill yesterday though the times returned by the senior competitors were not outstanding.

J. Bucks lowered the 800 metres junior record when he ran the distance in 2 mins. 38 1/5 seconds which was 9 seconds better than the previous record. The record for the 1,500 metres was also broken by him in 5 mins. 24 secs., which time is better than that returned by the seniors by 19 3/5 secs.

A. V. Franco easily won the senior championship, while the junior and midget titles were won by S. K. Khan and Choi Hak-yan respectively.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. J. M. Wilson, inspector of schools.

Following were the results:—

Results.
Senior Putting The Shot: 1. A. Dzgoeff; 2. R. Ho; 3. G. Tanaka; 4. V. Godoya. 31 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump, Junior: 1. B. M. Omar; 2. S. K. Khan; 3. M. Rozano; 4. Tsang To-min. 16 ft. 1 in.
Senior: 1. S. Silva; 2. J. Chiu; 3. D. Young; 4. E. Yusuf. 17 ft.

High Jump, Midget: 1. Ko Wai-hong; 2. Choi Hak-yan; 3. M. G. Adai; 4. P. Nguyen. 3 ft. 5 ins.
Junior: 1. B. M. Omar; 2. S. K. Khan; 3. Tsang To-min; 4. Abdul Rahman. 4 ft. 7 ins.
Senior: 1. Cheung Chiu-hung; 2. D. Young; 3. R. Wang; 4. E. Yusuf. 5 ft. 1 in.

Boarders' Race, Junior: 1. Ng Kiok-ming; 2. Wong Kam-chiu; 3. R. Godinez. 16 secs.
Senior: 1. J. Laanen; 2. Tai Yuk-hung; 3. A. Godinez. 27 3/5 secs.

100 Metres, Midget: 1. L. Sotelo; 2. Choi Hak-yan; 3. A. Barradas; 4. D. Thompson. 16 secs.
Junior 100: 1. S. K. Khan; 2. Lau Kin-ming; 3. G. Mok. 13 2/5 secs.
Senior: 1. R. Ho; 2. S. Silva; 3. A. V. Franco; 4. Yu Fook-leung. 12 4/5 secs.

200 Metres, Midget: 1. Choi Hak-yan; 2. D. Thompson; 3. A. Barradas; 4. L. Sotelo. 33 1/5 secs.
Junior: 1. S. K. Khan; 2. Chan Hung-kwong; 3. Lau Kin-ming; 4. B. M. Omar. 28 secs.
Senior: 1. Ng Yin-fan; 2. A. V. Franco; 3. S. Silva; 4. R. Ho. 26 3/5 secs.
Open To La Salle College: 1. A. P. Silva; 2. Mackenzie; 3. J. Gomez. 25 secs.

Infants 50 Metres: 1. C. Delgado; 2. E. Franco; 3. Ty Hung-lee.
Potato Race: 1. E. Franco; 2. L. Noronha; 3. C. Sousa.

400 Metres, Junior: 1. S. K. Khan; 2. J. Bucks; 3. M. Samy; 4. Yip Yan-cheung. 66 3/5 secs.
Senior: 1. J. Cheung; 2. S. Silva; 3. A. V. Franco; 4. J. Chiu. 60 4/5 secs.

Wolf Cubs' Race: 1. D. Osborne; 2. Yung Pak-wai; 3. R. Newman.
Boy Scouts' Race: 1. Ip Wing-kin; 2. Tsang Shiu-kin; 3. J. Anderson.

Midgets Sack Race: 1. D. Osborne; 2. M. Drewery; 3. J. Noronha.

800 Metres, Junior: 1. J. Bucks; 2. Yip Yan-cheung; 3. H. Bucks; 4. J. B. Hassain and Lau Kin-ming. 2:38 1/5 (Record).
Senior: 1. A. V. Franco; 2. J. Cheung; 3. Cheng Koon-tsan; 4. J. Chiu. 2:36 2/5.

Senior 110 Metres High Hurdles: 1. D. Young; 2. Cheung Chiu-hung. 18 secs.

Girls' 400 Metres Invitation Relay: 1. French Convent; 2. St. Mary's.

Boys' 1,200 Metres Invitation Relay: 1. La Salle "A"; 2. King's 3. La Salle College "B". 2:48 1/5.

Former Pupils' 400 Metres: 1. R. Castro; 2. A. Leonard; 3. A. Alva. 59 4/5 secs.

1,500 Metres Open To Military: 1. Pte. R. Manson (Scots); 2. K. Mohammed; 3. Soares. 4:41.

3,000 Metres Bicycle Race Junior: 1. J. Elvidge; 2. Lee Yuen-kwai; 3. J. Bucks.
Senior: 1. Ip Wing-kin; 2. N. Kwong; 3. J. Chiu; 4. J. Cheung. 6:42.

Tug-of-War, Junior: Class 5-B beat Class 3-A in two straight pulls. Senior Class 1 beat Class 3-B in two straight pulls.

Officials' 100 Metres Handicap: 1. J. Szecki; 2. P. Felix; 3. H. G. Asome. 12 secs.

Midget 400 Metres Inter-Class Relay: 1. Class 4-A; 2. Class 7-B; 3. Class 6-A; 4. Class 7-A. 65 3/5.

Junior 800 Metres Inter-Class Relay: 1. Class 4-D; 2. Class 3-A; 3. Class 2-A; 4. Class 4-C.

Senior 1,200 Metres Inter-Class Relay: 1. Class 1; 2. Class 3-B; 3. Class 2-B.

Aggregate Champions: Senior: A. V. Franco (18); J. Cheung and S. Silva (16). Junior: S. K. Khan (26); J. Bucks (18).

Midget: Choi Hak-yan (20); Ko Wai-hong (8).

Inter-Class Champions: Senior: Matic (42); Junior: 2-A and 3-B (26); Midget: 6-B (28).

RE-ARRANGED CRICKET FIXTURES

Following are the re-arranged Cricket League fixtures. Club secretaries are requested to make new arrangements for friendly games fixed on these dates:

SATURDAY, MARCH 8
Second Division
I.R.C. v C.S.C.C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
First Division
C.S.C.C. v I.R.C.

Second Division
C.C.C. v Reccelo

K.C.C. v C.C.C.

Reccelo v I.R.C.

P.R.C. v H.K.U.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
First Division
C.C.C. v I.R.C.

Second Division
C.S.C.C. v P.R.C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29
First Division
Reccelo v I.R.C.

C.S.C.C. v H.K.U.

Second Division
K.C.C. v C.S.C.C.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
First Division
H.K.U. v C.C.C.

K.C.C. v C.S.C.C.

Second Division
C.C.C. v Reccelo

RUGBY SEVENS FINAL TO-MORROW

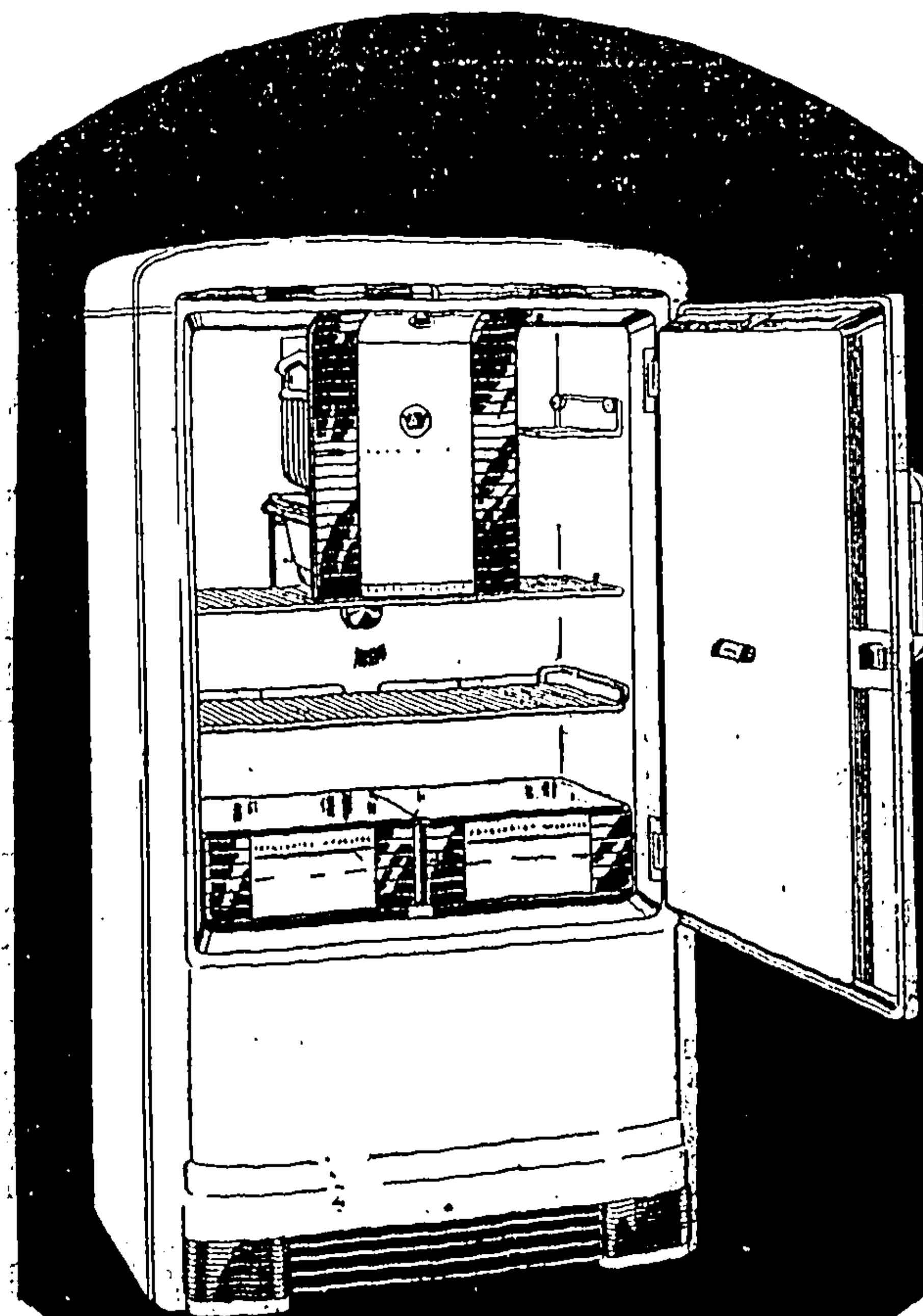
First-rate entertainment is promised Rugby enthusiasts to-morrow on the occasion of the final stages of the seven-a-side tournament for the Barney Stone Shield. First match will be played at 3 p.m. on Club ground and subsequent proceedings will be enlivened by the band of the Middlesex Regiment.

Among the better teams in the last eight are Club "A" 8th. Hvy. Bty., R.A., Civil Service and Tamar and Small Ships "A". The winning team, which is expected to be one of the above four, will be presented with the shield by Lady Grayburn.

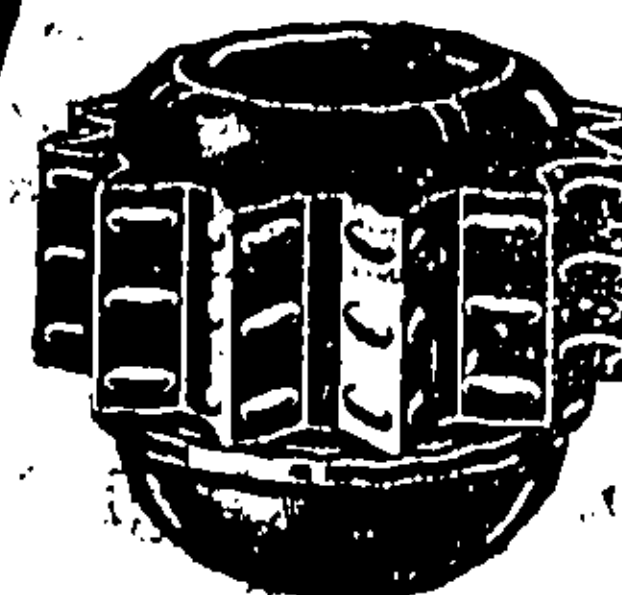
R. A. SHAYES KILLED IN FLYING ACCIDENT

Lawn tennis enthusiasts will learn with regret of the death, on active service in Rhodesia, of Ronald Shayes, the British Davis Cup player.

Shayes, a sergeant in the R.A.F., was one of the many lawn tennis stars in that service, and he is the latest of a growing list of leading sportsmen who have given their lives in the present war. He joined the R. A. F. after serving for a time as a member of an A. R. P. unit, and was just about to complete his training when he was involved in a flying accident.



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300 NORWEGIANS RELEASED IN LOFOTEN RAID

Norwegian circles in London yesterday expressed great satisfaction at their forces' part in the Lofoten raid.

It is understood that over 300 Norwegian patriots were brought back to join their fellow-countrymen in Britain.—Reuter.

CAROL IN LISBON

Ex-King Carol of Rumania and Mme. Lupescu have arrived safely in Lisbon after a thrilling escape by car from Seville across the Iberian mountains.—Reuter.

This was revealed by Captain Margesson, the Secretary of State for War in the Commons yesterday, when he disclosed of the details of the operations for the first time.

He was speaking on the Army Estimates and said that the danger of invasion was very real, but every possibility open to the ingenuity of the enemy has been considered so far as it is possible to read their minds.

In the recent sham battle, lasting about a week, in which both the civil organisations and the military staffs participated, our most brilliant Staff Officers were allocated to the part of the German General Staff in Britain.

THE INGENUITY OF THIS IMPROVISED ENEMY STAFF RESULTED IN A SCALE OF ATTACK FAR HEAVIER THAN ANYTHING THE GERMANS ARE LIKELY TO MAKE.

The enemy was allowed to inflict every conceivable preliminary disaster. There were many landings by sea and by air and the effect of continuous air bombardment of focal points was designed to break the arteries of communication.

Lord Gort's Despatches

Reviewing the events of the

past year, Captain Margesson foreshadowed the early publication of Lord Gort's despatches on the battles in France and Flanders.

The War Minister also revealed that the total British losses in all operations in the Middle East, including East Africa from November 1940 to February 11, 1941, totalled 1,774, of which 438 were killed.

No doubt, he said, the task in Libya would have been sterner if we had been faced by German troops but the weakness of the Italian opposition was not due primarily to weakened morale, for the Italian armies were well-equipped, strongly entrenched and numerically superior, but was due to the brilliant use of supplies and of the power of manoeuvre by the British forces.

Successes in East Africa hitherto had been equally striking.

Mogadiscio's Fall

Within 17 days of the beginning of the attack, Mogadiscio, 350 miles away, had fallen, and within another 48 hours, in carrying out that operation so successfully, we captured more than 10,000 prisoners.

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Our situation in June, 1940, after the evacuation from Dunkirk was unenviable. Fortunately, part of the Expeditionary Force's reserve equipment had been stored in Britain and stores were got away from those depots south of the Somme.

Furthermore, equipment en route from America to France was diverted to Britain and the transformation effected in one month was perhaps unequalled in history.

New Divisions

The breathing space we have had since Dunkirk has been turned to good effect. Most of the major formations are now comparatively well equipped and we have been able to form new divisions.

We have also been able to supply material aid to the Allies.

In a warm tribute to the gallant Greek operations, which "again proved that fortune favours the brave," Capt. Margesson said the Greeks, by their triumphant advance over difficult country in the depths of winter, had shown their neighbours that though a small country they possessed dauntless courage.

The Free French forces had already given gallant service in Libya, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and elsewhere, and the Poles are only waiting a chance to get at the enemy once again.

The position as regards equipment has greatly improved since last summer and gives some cause for confidence.

Closing Gaps

The gaps still existing in some classes of equipment are closing weekly and, with the aid of Bri-

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Counsel for respondents said that when the seamen arrived in port it was suggested to them that they were being unfairly treated because they were not getting the £5 a month war bonus that white sailors were getting for voyaging in dangerous waters.

They were not satisfied with £3 a month and refused to work in shifts, with the result that the ship was not turned round in the shortest possible time and the whole convoy system was dislocated.

Mr. St. John Hutchinson, K.C., counsel for the men, who said he was instructed by the Chinese Embassy, said the Chinese were not merely a cultured race but extraordinarily brave and virile. It rankled that a proud race were paid less than the white man, he declared, adding that the matter was being taken up in Parliament.—Reuter.

tish and Dominions and Indian production and the growing American output, the time is not distant when we shall have an army fully equipped and fully trained.

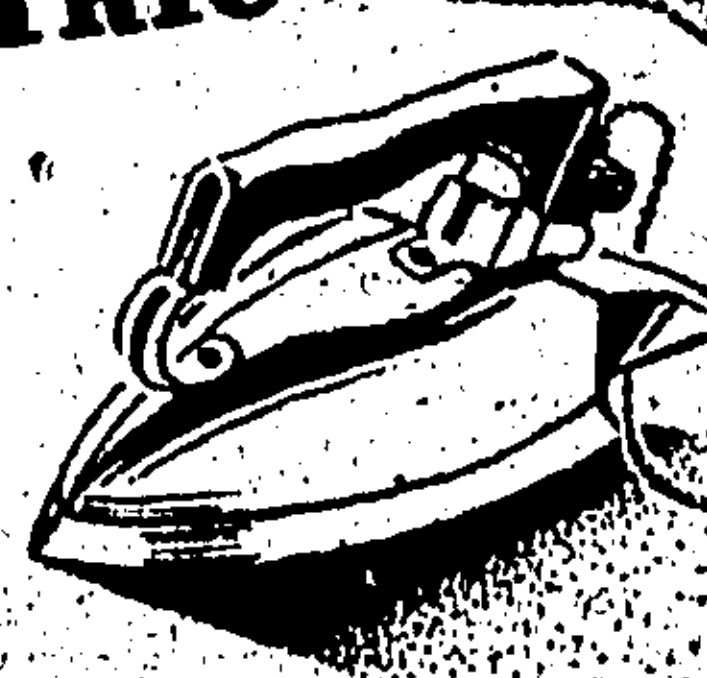
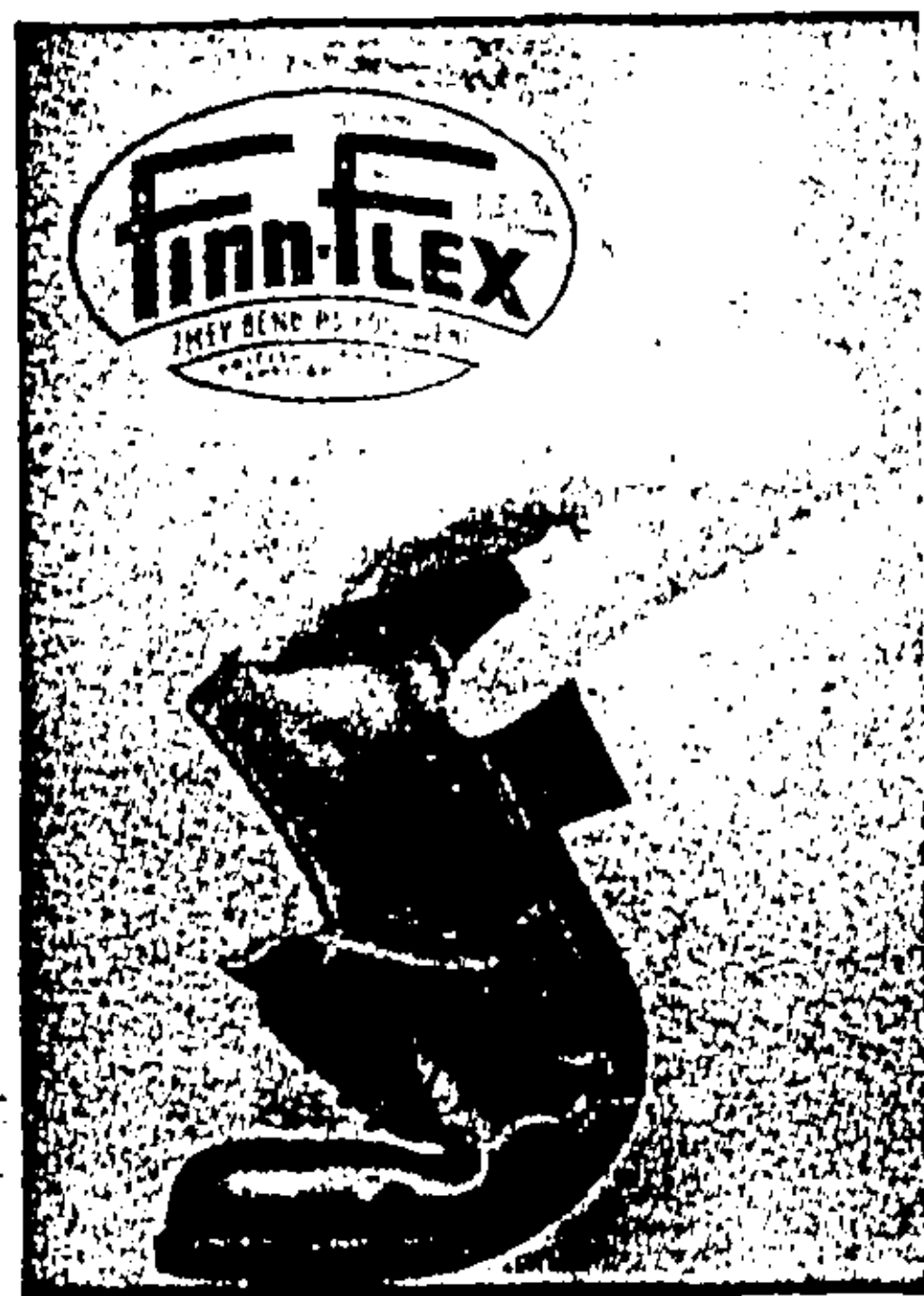
WE ARE NOT SITTING TIGHT INSIDE OUR DEFENCES BUT ARE ENDEAVOURING DAILY TO IMPROVE OUR SYSTEM OF STATIC AND MOBILE DEFENCE.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE HOME GUARD IS DOING A FINE JOB, NOTWITHSTANDING SOME TEMPORARY SHORTAGE OF EQUIPMENT.

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AMERICAN SHARE IN BLOCKADE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

It was learned in Washington last night that the United States Government is moving steadily nearer participation with Britain in an economic blockade of the Axis powers.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY IMPOSED A VIRTUAL ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AGAINST GERMANY, ITALY AND NAZI-HELD TERRITORIES IN EUROPE.

It is now starting to impose severe economic restrictions against Russia and Japan.

These drastic measures were taken both in the interests of American national defence and to help Britain win the war.

It is reported that cotton and foods such as wheat and corn may be added to the list of goods under the export control licensing system. — International News Service.

YUGOSLAVIA'S POLICY UNDER DISCUSSION

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Possible Yugoslavian mediation in the Italo-Greek war was last night reported to have been discussed at a secret meeting between the Yugoslav Regent, Prince Paul, and Ribbentrop and Ciano, the Axis Foreign Ministers.

It is reported that a declaration, outlining Yugoslavia's relations with the Axis, and a fresh announcement that Belgrade will maintain neutrality, may be expected soon. — International News Service.

Impressive New Fighters

(By Reuter's Air Correspondent)

THE R.A.F.'S CLAIM TO "MASTERY OF THE DAYLIGHT AIR" WILL BE RE-EMPHASISED IN THE COMING DAYS WITH THE HELP OF NEW TYPE 'PLANES WHICH WILL ALSO ENABLE AN EXTENSION OF THIS MASTERY FROM BRITAIN TO THE LIMIT OF THEIR RANGE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY.

The R.A.F. Fighter Command is being strengthened for its new offensive role with a new single-seater fighter equipped with an engine double the power of the original Spitfire.

This is the Hawker Tornado, with a 2,000-H.P. Rolls-Royce Vulture engine.

No details of the Tornado's performance or armament have been released but it may be taken that it will be one of the hardest hitting and fastest planes in the world.

This first-line fighter will be ably supported by a new Mark III Spitfire, with a new Rolls-Royce Merlin engine. With clipped wings, it is faster and more powerful than the original Spitfire.

Some of these machines have been re-armed with shell-firing cannon.

Twin-Engined Fighter

The Westland Whirlwind twin-engined fighter, also coming into service, has a very high rate of climb.

For offensive work deep into enemy territory, Britain now possesses, besides the four-engined Short Stirling now in service, the twin-engined Avro Manchester, with a good speed and formidable bombing capacity, as well as Whitleys and Wellingtons.

It can now be stated that at least three types of fighters are helping to protect British ports and other objectives from Nazi night raiders, namely, the Boulton-Paul Defiant, the Hawker Hurricane and the Bristol Blenheim. — Reuter.

Details of the fleets of newly-designed British bombers and fighters of greatly increased armament and power, are given by Leonard Engels, in an article in the authoritative American magazine, "Flying and Popular Aviation."

The article created a sensation in America and in Britain caused an M.P. to demand a full inquiry into Engels' activities in Britain.

"This complete line of combat planes is designed to supplant in the immediate future the world famed Hurricanes, Spitfires, Wellingtons, Whitleys and others," the article states.

New planes are also said to be: 1. Hawker Tornado, single seater, with 2,000 h.p. Rolls-Royce Vulture engines. Speed about 425 m.p.h. 2. Westland Whirlwind twin-engined bomber driven by Vultures. Speed 325 m.p.h. Span 80 to 95 feet.

NAZI TROOPS 15 MILES FROM TURKISH BORDER

German troops, it was reported in Istanbul yesterday, are less than 15 miles from the Turco-Bulgarian frontier, says Reuter.

Germans Threaten Greece

The march of German troops into Bulgaria is now assuming the proportions of a mass movement towards the Greek-Bulgarian frontier, stated Ankara radio last night.

All means of conveyance, including trains, lorries and buses, are being utilised.

The announcer suggested Germany was out to fight Britain wherever she found it possible to do so and was "doubtless seeking the weakest point in the British chain of defence."

It was added that Mr. Rendel, the British Minister, would not be leaving Sofia for another two or three days. — Reuter.

HEAVY TURKISH TROOP MOVEMENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BUDAPEST LAST NIGHT REPORTED THAT TURKEY IS RUSHING THOUSANDS OF TROOPS FROM HER SOVIET FRONTIER TO HER WESTERN BORDERS FACING GREECE AND GERMAN-HELD BULGARIA.

It is now estimated that over 1,000,000 fighting men are being deployed on the various Balkan fronts.

The new Turkish troop movements were accompanied by formidable fleet concentrations in the Dardanelles, where a black-out is now maintained.

H.E. STILL INDISPOSED

At the request of his medical advisers, His Excellency the Acting Governor has cancelled all engagements until Wednesday, March 12th inclusive.

It is expected that Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., will arrive in the Colony about the middle of March.

WEATHER FORECAST: — Light variable winds, freshening from the north-east; cloudy with mist or fog, occasional rain.

Possible Soviet approval of the strong stand by Turkey is indicated.

MEANWHILE BULGARIA RETALIATED AGAINST THE RUSSIAN PROTEST BY BARRING SOVIET NEWSPAPERS FROM BULGARIAN CIRCULATION.

Yugoslavia is expected to conclude a non-aggression and friendship pact with Germany following unbroken conversations between the Regent, Prince Paul, and his highest Government and military aides. — International News Service.

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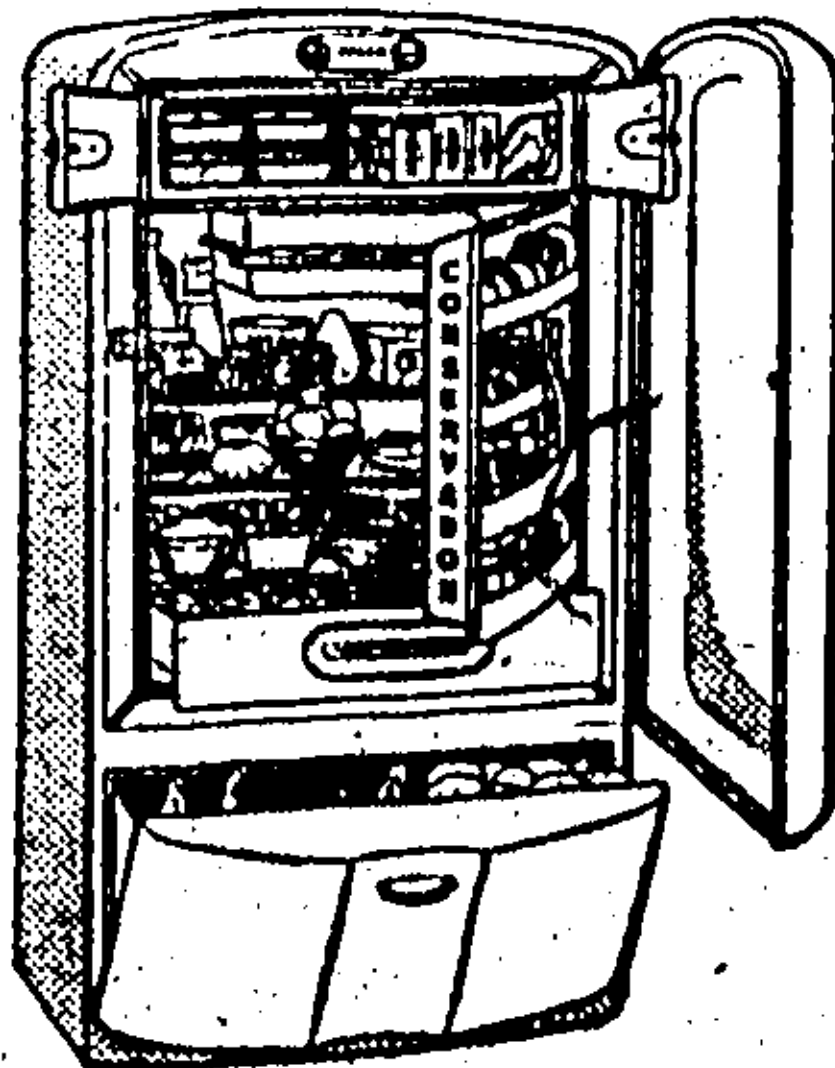
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FLAME OF REVOLT IN ETHIOPIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

(By Theodore Dogany)

Once-conquered Ethiopia is now flaming in revolt against Fascist Italy and independence is again in sight, the Crown Prince of Ethiopia told me in an exclusive interview granted yesterday somewhere in Abyssinia.

Prince Usser Assel heir to Haile Selassie's throne, received me in his tent at a military encampment in the shadow of Ethiopia's rugged mountains.

"News we have received from General Headquarters of my Imperial father is most satisfactory," he declared.

"At the moment the entire Abyssinian nation is fighting by the side of the Emperor with increasing strength and firmness.

"THE ITALIAN OCCUPATION HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT A SERIES OF CRIMES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE," INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

NO CONCRETE HITLER OFFER TO TURKEY

ALTHOUGH NO DEFINITE DETAILS ABOUT THE MESSAGE HITLER SENT TO PRESIDENT INUENU ARE YET AVAILABLE, IT WAS RUMORED IN ANKARA YESTERDAY THAT THE MESSAGE IS FULL OF GENERAL ASSURANCES BUT CONTAINS NOTHING OF A CONCRETE NATURE.

Not a single Turk or well-informed foreigner in Ankara believes the message will in any way alter Turkish policy.

It is significant that the Turkish newspapers ignore Hitler's message.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN RETURNS TO CAIRO

Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill have returned to Cairo from their visit to Athens, says a Reuter cable this morning.

SPEEDING INCIDENT

A FINE OF \$30 WAS IMPOSED ON MR. NG TIONG-BENG, OF NO. 24, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, SECOND FLOOR, BY MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, FOR DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND CAUTION IN HENNESSY ROAD ON FEBRUARY 9.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin was driving out from Fleming Road into Hennessy Road, when he saw in front three vehicles, a private car, a lorry, and accused's car, No. 2325. He trailed accused's car, which was traveling at 40 m.p.h. Accused slowed down near Arsenal Street to 37 miles. He signalled accused to stop, but he paid no attention. The vehicle was held up by the traffic signal at Garden Road. Accused said his speedometer was not in good condition at the time of the incident.

MAN BEATEN UP

Suffering from serious head injuries, Tsoi Shun, 24, was picked up by the Police in Wang Street, Kowloon City, at 7.15 a.m. to-day.

The man is said to be in a critical condition. It is believed that he was attacked by a gang.

BOUND OVER

Two shop folk, Mak Wai-pun 17, and Mun Hung-cheung, 21, were each bound over for one year by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning for posting advertisements on telephone poles in Canton Road yesterday without the permission of the S.C.A.

ENEMY BOMBER SHOT DOWN

An enemy bomber was shot down into the English Channel by R.A.F. fighters yesterday afternoon, states an Air Ministry communique.

THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY BY SINGLE ENEMY AIRCRAFT DURING DAYLIGHT YESTERDAY. BOMBS BEING DROPPED IN EAST ANGLIA, KENT AND ONE POINT IN THE LONDON AREA.

Casualties were small and the only damage was to buildings in a town on the coast of East Anglia.—Reuter.

CALLED "SPY," SAYS SOLDIER'S WIFE

After complaining that neighbours had accused her of being a spy and a fifth columnist and had forced her to give up her home, a woman, fined 10s. at Bedford for black-out offence, burst into tears and said, "This is the last straw."

The woman, Mrs. Mabel Gregory, of Kennedy Road, Bedford, added that she could not pay the fine as she was only receiving an Army allowance from her husband. She was given seven days in which to pay.

She said that the gossip of her neighbours was compelling her to collect a £10 deposit on her house, which she had to leave.

SUCCESS OF GREEK SUBMARINE

A GREEK SUBMARINE HAS SUNK AN ITALIAN SUPPLY SHIP IN THE ADRIATIC, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL GREEK COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN ATHENS YESTERDAY, SAYS REUTER.

WEDDING TO-DAY

The marriage took place at the Registry Office this morning between Mr. Lee Wing Vor, merchant, of No. 2, Maple Street, and Miss Chen Po Kan, of No. 11, Tung Cheong Building.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy-Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

Inherent Rivalry To Be Overcome

THE LONDON "TIMES" yesterday published a special article dealing with relations between Japan and the Soviet in the Far East.

The present phase of Russo-Japanese relations, the article declared, can be traced back to the autumn of 1931, when Japan achieved the conquest of Manchuria.

Japan had been the object of suspicion to the Soviet regime ever since the prolonged occupation of Russian territory by Japanese troops during and after the Kolchak episode, eastern Siberia not being finally evacuated till 1922 and northern Saghalien not until 1925 when Japan first officially recognised the Soviet Government.

These suspicions were re-proposed at Tokyo, where the supposed designs of the Comintern were a favourite bugbear. But there was little contact between the two countries during these years and official relations, while formally correct, were wholly uneventful.

Frontier Incidents

All this changed when Japan, through the establishment of the puppet state of Manchukuo, acquired a long common frontier with the Soviet and with Moscow's vassal state of Outer Mongolia. Frontier incidents became the order of the day.

In the next years official cognizance was taken of no fewer than 184 such incidents.

Most famous of them—the clash on the Amur River in the early summer of 1937—was a prelude to Japan's undeclared war on China, which opened in July, 1937.

All-Clear Signal

Soviet Russia got the worst of the incident militarily and failed to react diplomatically and this revelation of weakness, popularly attributed to the recent purges in the party and army, was taken by Japan as an all-clear signal to embark on the great Chinese adventure.

In the Russo-Japanese negotiations throughout this period Soviet Russia was the suitor for a non-aggression pact, which was more than once proposed by her and rejected by Japan.

The high-handed seizure by Japan of the Russian-owned Chinese Eastern Railway was safely liquidated by the sale of the railway to Japan, or nominally to the state of Manchukuo.

Apart from recurrent frontier clashes the other principal apple of discord was fishery rights in Russian waters which had originally been conceded to Japan by the Treaty of Portsmouth in 1905.

Perpetual Friction

These were the subject of perpetual friction and of claims persistently asserted by Tokyo and no less persistently contested by Moscow, and of temporary agreements which refused to last. One of the many attempts to reach a settlement was rejected by Russia when Japan signed the Anti-Comintern Pact in 1936.

Soviet Russia had, however, not been idle in these years. The Amur frontier was fortified, the track of the Trans-Siberia Railway doubled, the Army of the Far East reinforced and a powerful air force built up—some based on the Arctic Islands.

Since 1937 Japan's preoccupation with the Chinese campaign and the partial military recovery

of Russia have gradually tipped the balance in favour of the Soviet Government.

Soviet help to China has been intermittent but substantial and Japan has never been able to secure its cessation.

Nomonham Clash

Most intensive of all outbursts of frontier warfare between Japan and Russia during the past 10 years occurred in the summer of 1939 in the region of Nomonhan, on the frontier of Outer Mongolia, and ended in a fairly decisive victory for the Soviet troops.

JAPAN ADMITTED NO FEWER THAN 18,000 CASUALTIES IN THE TWO MONTHS' MINATURE WAR.

A truce was patched up in September, 1939, after the conclusion of Stalin's pact with Ribbentrop and the outbreak of war in Europe.

Since that time Germany has not relaxed her efforts to bring about a detente between the two countries whose friendship and support she simultaneously covets; but the position between Japan and the Soviet is no longer that of the 'thirties.'

Japan The Suitor

Japan is now the suitor for a non-aggression pact and has agreed to 'reconsideration' of the fisheries question and might even be prepared to come to terms which did not include the abandonment by Russia of aid to China.

Meanwhile the Kremlin holds its hand, says nothing and no doubt awaits with curiosity the much-canvassed bid for rapprochement with Japan and will not miss an opportunity of making its power felt.

The fundamental rivalry between the two powers in the Far East will, however, remain. Each side has weaknesses and strong points.

Inherent Rivalry

Whether this real and inherent rivalry of the great Asiatic powers will preclude a bargain between them, or whether Stalin will think it worth while to buy temporary ease and some concrete advantage in Asia by compounding Japanese felonies, is an open question.

It is improbable that Russia would in any case offer any obstacle to the southward progress of Japan; she has no incentive to impede it and may even regard as advantageous to herself the increased tension between Japan and the English-speaking world which would ensue from such a policy.—Reuter.

GIFT PLANES FOR BRITAIN

The Maharajah of Travancore has given £11,250 for two Spitfires, to be named Travancore One and Travancore Two.

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GERMANS TAKEN COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Home Fleet on board a Warship)

HERE IS THE FIRST AND ONLY EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF THE DARING AND CONSPICUOUSLY SUCCESSFUL RAID BY BRITISH NAVAL AND MILITARY FORCES ON GERMAN OBJECTIVES ON THE NORWEGIAN COAST ON TUESDAY.

As we steam away from the scene of operations, great pillars of smoke and flame, rising against and dwarfing the snow-covered mountains which drop sheer into the sea along this part of the fjord leading to Narvik, testify to the effective destructiveness of the raid.

One dense black column reaches to a height of 6,000 feet while another envelopes the mountains for miles in a thick, foglike pall. The operation took the Germans completely by surprise. For hours the British warships were on "Hitler's doorstep" but no attempt was made to interfere with them.

It may be considered as a further sign that on land as well as at sea and in the air, Britain has now passed from the defensive to the offensive in Europe.

Factories Destroyed

There was satisfaction in the completion of their task, which included the destruction of factories and shipping and the taking of German and Quislingite prisoners. In the four principal fishing ports of the Lofoten Islands, fish oil factories and a power station were destroyed and all oil storage tanks burned.

Nine German merchant ships, a Norwegian ship and an armed German trawler, totalling 18,000 tons, were sunk.

Two hundred and fifteen Germans and 10 Quislingites were taken prisoner while one German

naval officer and six ratings were killed.

The British force suffered no casualty or loss.

In addition to the prisoners, a considerable number of Norwegian volunteers for the Navy were brought back.

Trained Troops

A number of hand-picked and specially trained troops participated in this first landing on Norwegian soil since it was evacuated last year.

With them were a number of Norwegian naval ratings and guides.

Fine weather favoured the operation, which was marked by perfect organisation and mutual understanding on the part of both Navy and Army.

We arrived at the area shortly before dawn and split up to go to the various objectives, which were quickly located, while warships kept guard.

Rapid Landing

I watched our particular group of troops land and then, led by a ship, the boats made rapidly for the landing places before anyone

ONLY MINOR ISSUES REMAINING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. Matsuoka, Japan's Foreign Minister, visited the French Embassy at 5 p.m. yesterday to confer with the French Ambassador, M. Arsene Henri, regarding the Indo-China-Thailand negotiations.

The talks were resumed at 8 p.m. at Mr. Matsuoka's residence and ended at 8.30 p.m. when the French Ambassador was observed to leave with a pleased expression on his face.

It was learned from usually reliable sources in Tokyo last night that Vichy has agreed to accept the main points in the Japanese proposals, and that prolongation of the negotiations concern only some minor issues raised by the Vichy Government. International News Service.

there had time to discover what was happening.

So intense was the cold that spray breaking over the boats froze as it fell on them.

Within 10 minutes of landing the troops had taken control of the telegraph station, post office and police station.

Next they turned their attention to the oil, cod-liver oil and cod fishing factories, known to be working for the Germans, and soon six of these had been destroyed.

The English manager of one factory was rescued and brought back to Britain.

Three petrol storage tanks were also destroyed by this group.

Arrival in Britain

Over 200 German prisoners and Quislingites, with some Norwegian loyalists, from Lofoten, arrived at a British port last night.

The Norwegian loyalists were in happy mood.

The Germans and Quislingites were under very strong guard.—Reuter.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL BREESE KILL IN AIR CRASH

Air Vice-Marshal Breese has been killed on active service as a result of a flying accident.

The Vice-Marshal was appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 18 (Reconnaissance) Group in September, 1938, and was promoted Air Vice-Marshal in July last year.—Reuter.

TWO LORRY DRIVERS FINED

TWO LORRY-DRIVERS WERE CHARGED BEFORE MAJOR A. N. MACFADYEN, AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, WITH STEALING EARTH AND STONE DURING TRANSIT FROM THE A.R.P. TUNNEL IN SHING WO ROAD TO NORTH POINT.

Sub-Inspector W. L. Clarke said defendants were employed to transfer earth and stones to be dumped into the harbour at North Point, by Marsman and Company. A special man was posted there to check loads.

Joseph Lau, on duty at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, noticed that accused's lorries did not arrive on time, and went along King's Road to investigate. Near the Asiatic Petroleum Company Depot, he saw first defendant dump earth and stones on a piece of vacant ground in King's Road.

Accused, Cheng Yun-po, 23, and Chan Shu-hoi, 29, were each fined \$20, or 14 days.

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MILROY AGAIN REMANDED

L/Cpl. John Milroy, 24, was remanded a further week by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning when, with two Chinese, he appeared on three charges of demanding money with menaces.

Mr. C. D'Almada will appear for Milroy, Mr. C. A. S. Russ for the two Chinese accused, and Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman for the prosecution.

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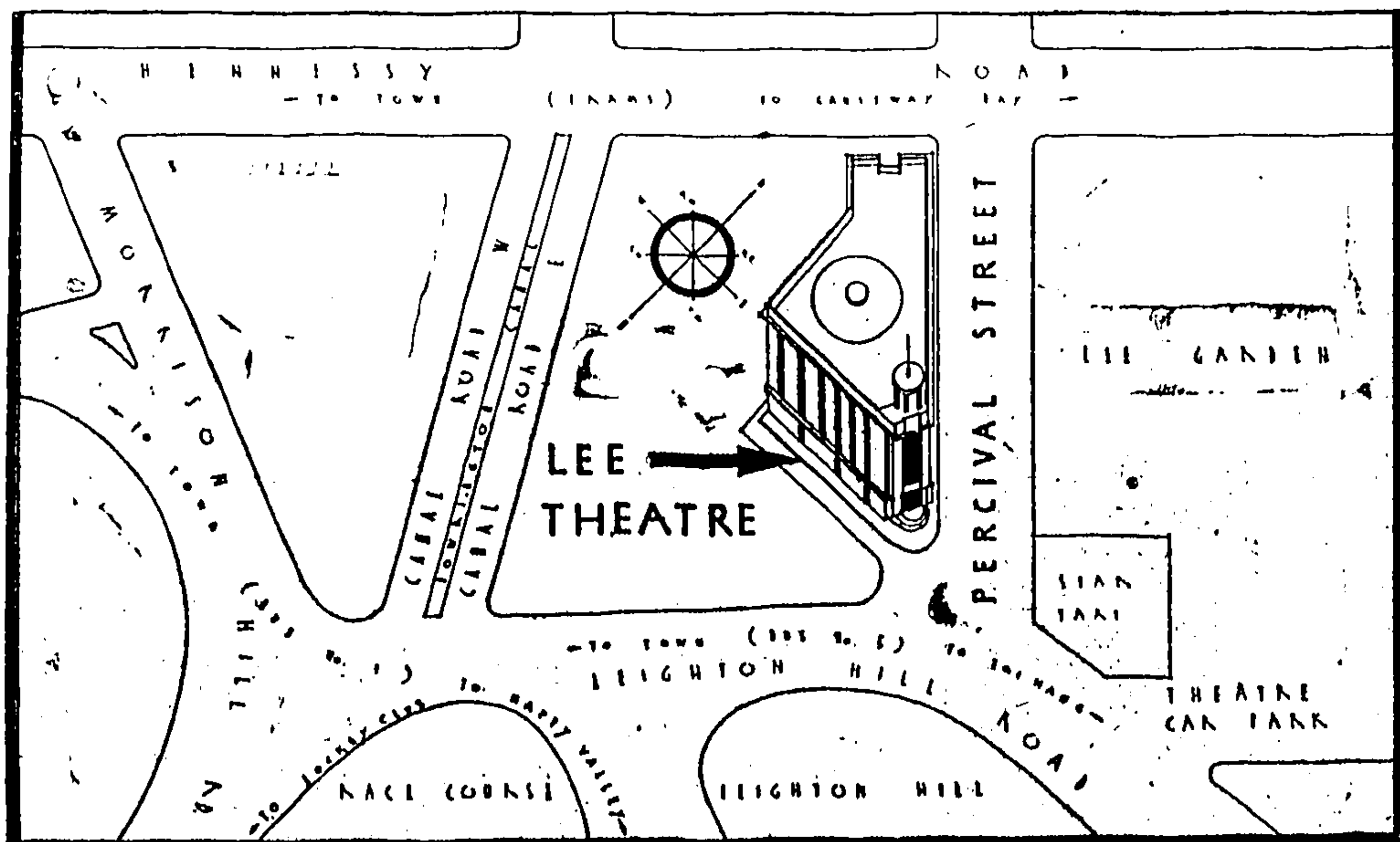
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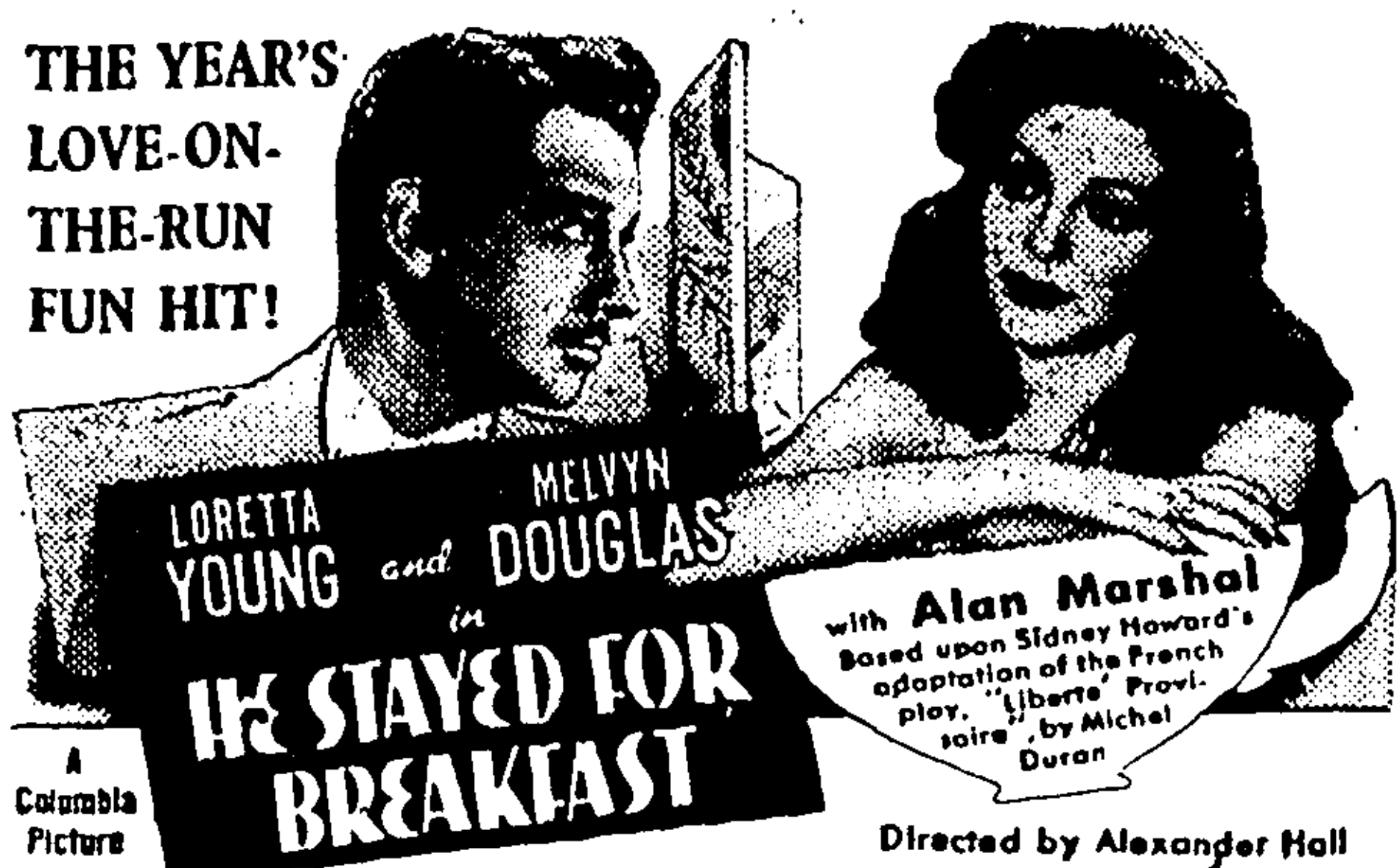
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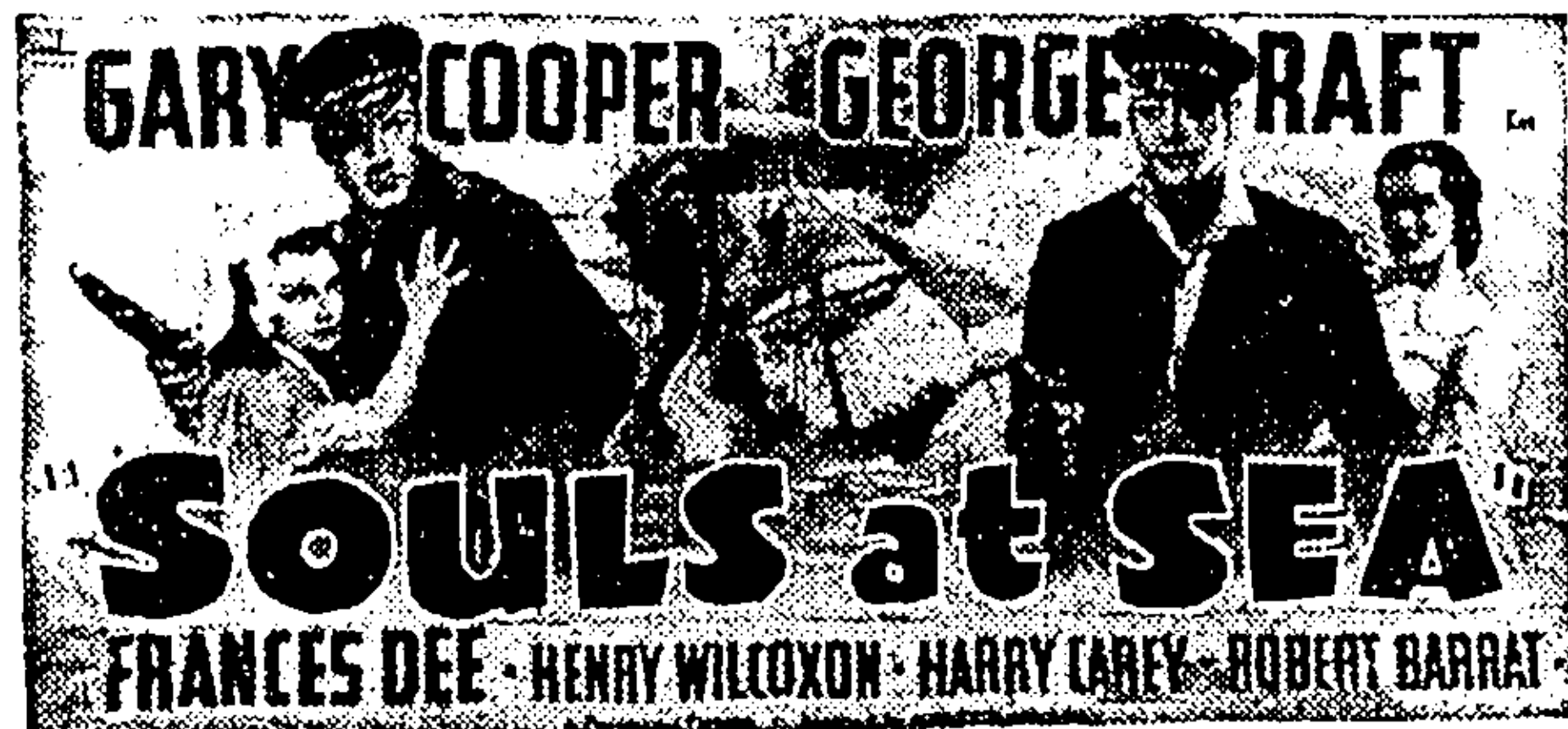
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was instructed by the Chinese
Embassy, said the Chinese were
not merely a cultured race but
extraordinarily brave and virile.

It rankled that a proud race
were paid less than the white
man, he declared, adding that
the matter was being taken up in
Parliament. — Reuter.

EMPIRE AIR TRAINING PLAN

MR. MALCOLM MACDONALD,
NEWLY APPOINTED BRITISH
HIGH COMMISSIONER IN CAN-
ADA, RECENTLY SPENT A DAY
WITH THE CANADIAN CORPS
IN ENGLAND AND LATER EX-
RESSED HIGH APPRECIATION
OF THEIR FINE ORGANISA-
TION.

He added: "The Canadians look
thoroughly at home here and are
in a position to defend this island
if an onslaught is attempted, as
we must expect. I am impressed,
too, by the excellence of the dif-
ferent kinds of materials Canada
is sending over."

Mr. Macdonald said he was
looking forward in the highest de-
gree to his sojourn in Canada,
where he could study at close
range the Commonwealth air
training plan.

"This plan is becoming one of
the most important projects and
we shall rely on it more and more
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WILL LIVE TO REGRET

"Bulgaria will live to re-
gret her decision."

CHEERS GREETED THIS
STATEMENT BY MR. R. A.
BUTLER, UNDER-SECRETARY
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHEN
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
ASKED YESTERDAY FOR PAR-
TICULARS RESPECTING THE
WITHDRAWAL OF THE BRIT-
ISH MINISTER FROM SOFIA.

Mr. Butler said that the reasons
for the withdrawal were given in
the Note presented to the Bul-
garian Government and were
briefly the presence of an ever
increasing force of German troops
on Bulgarian soil, the object of
which could only be to menace
and, if necessary, attack Britain's
ally, Greece.

The active cooperation of the
Bulgarian Government in the
German occupation was incom-
patible with the maintenance
of British diplomatic repre-
sentation in Bulgaria.

"His Majesty's Government
have no doubt that Bulgaria will
live to regret her decision."

The Speaker intervened and
intimated that the matter did not
arise when Mr. Butler was asked
to particularise on the attitude of
the Soviet Government towards
the invasion of Bulgaria. — Reu-
ter.

GREEKS RETAIN INITIATIVE

"The initiative remains
exclusively with the Greek
forces and the morale of
the army is excellent.
The soldiers of Greece
will face all eventualities
without flinching."

This declaration was made in a
Greek Press Ministry bulletin
broadcast last night.

The bulletin records success-
ful patrol activity and a further
advance on the Albanian front
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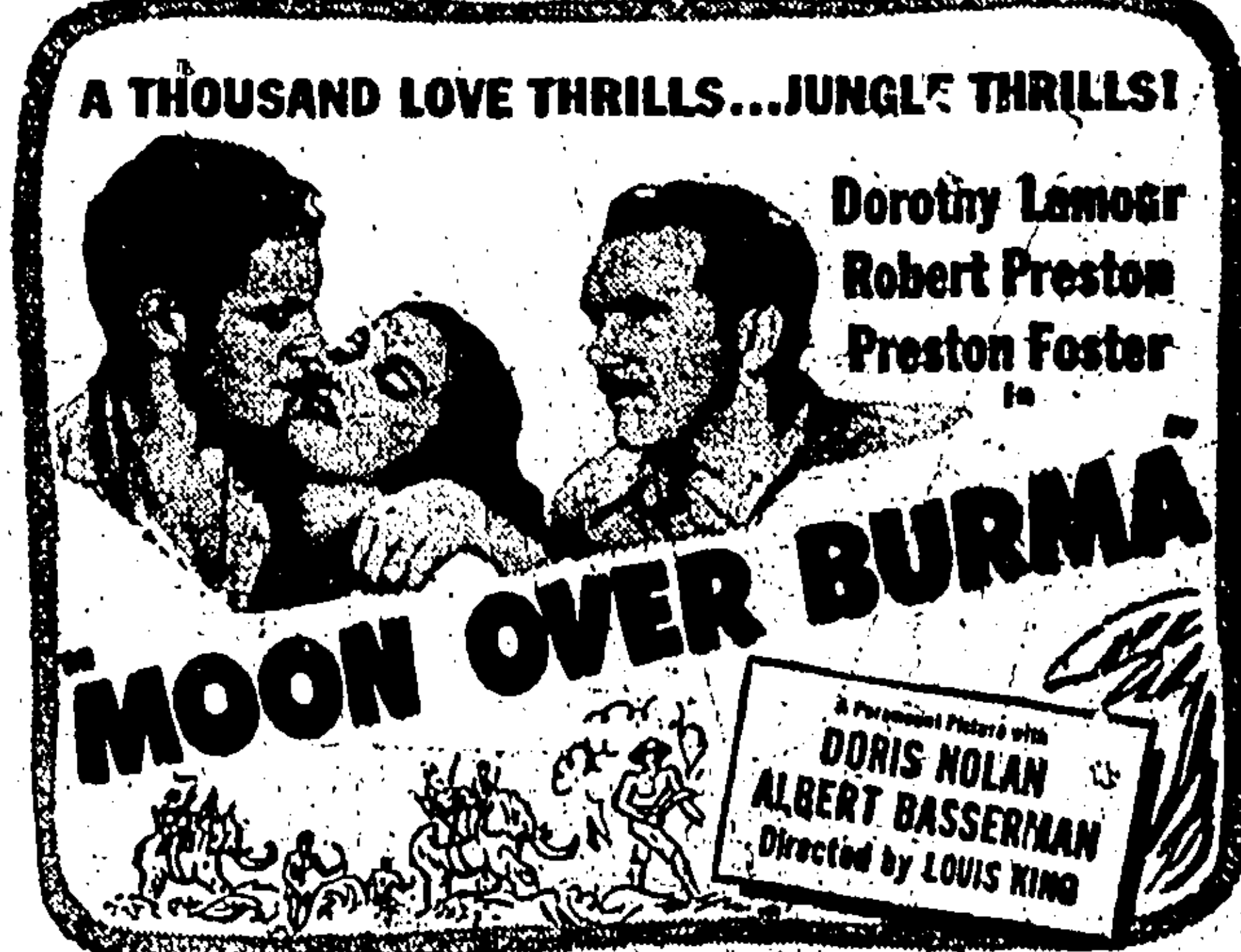
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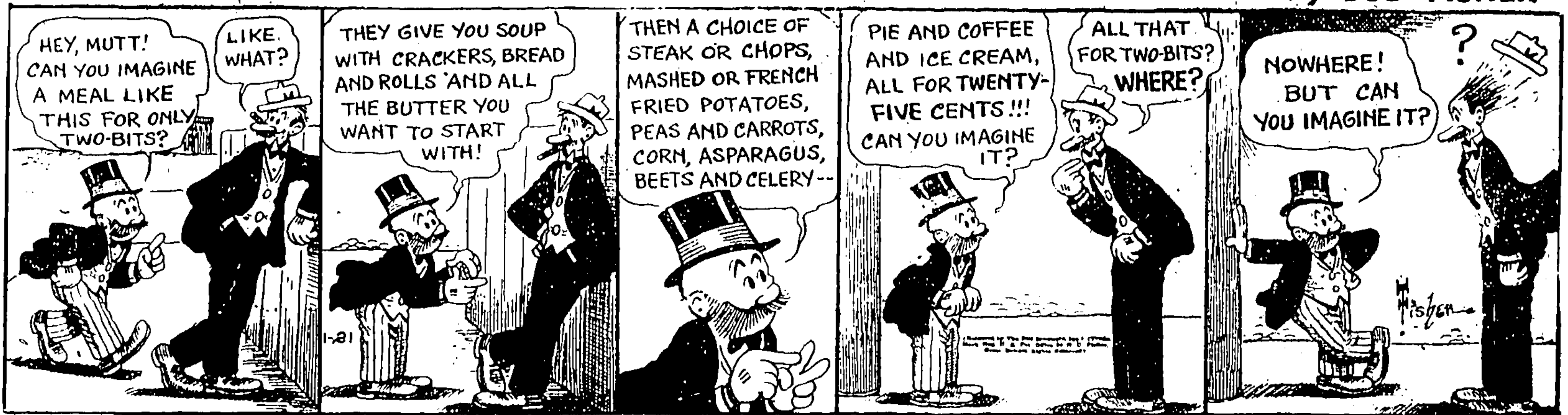
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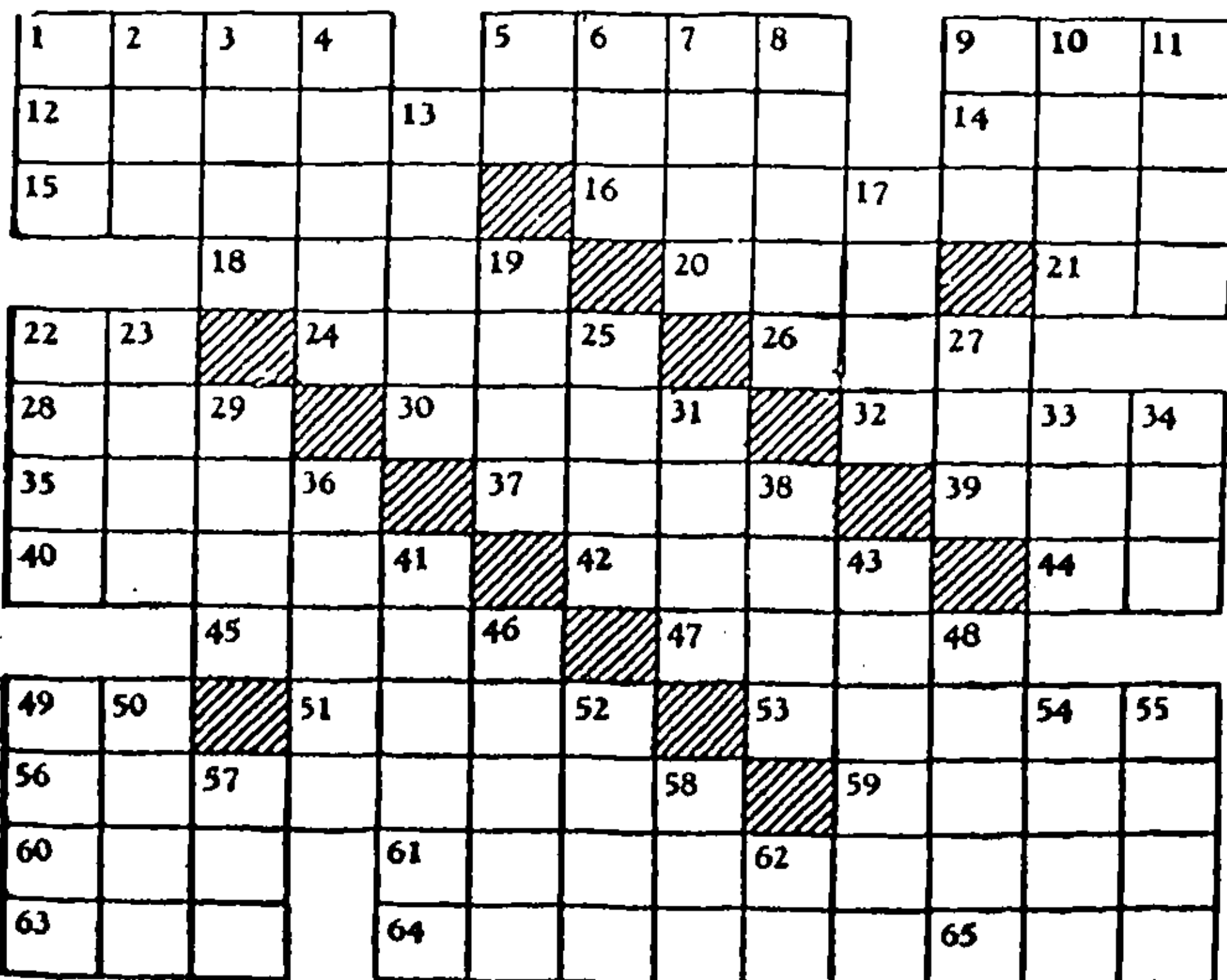
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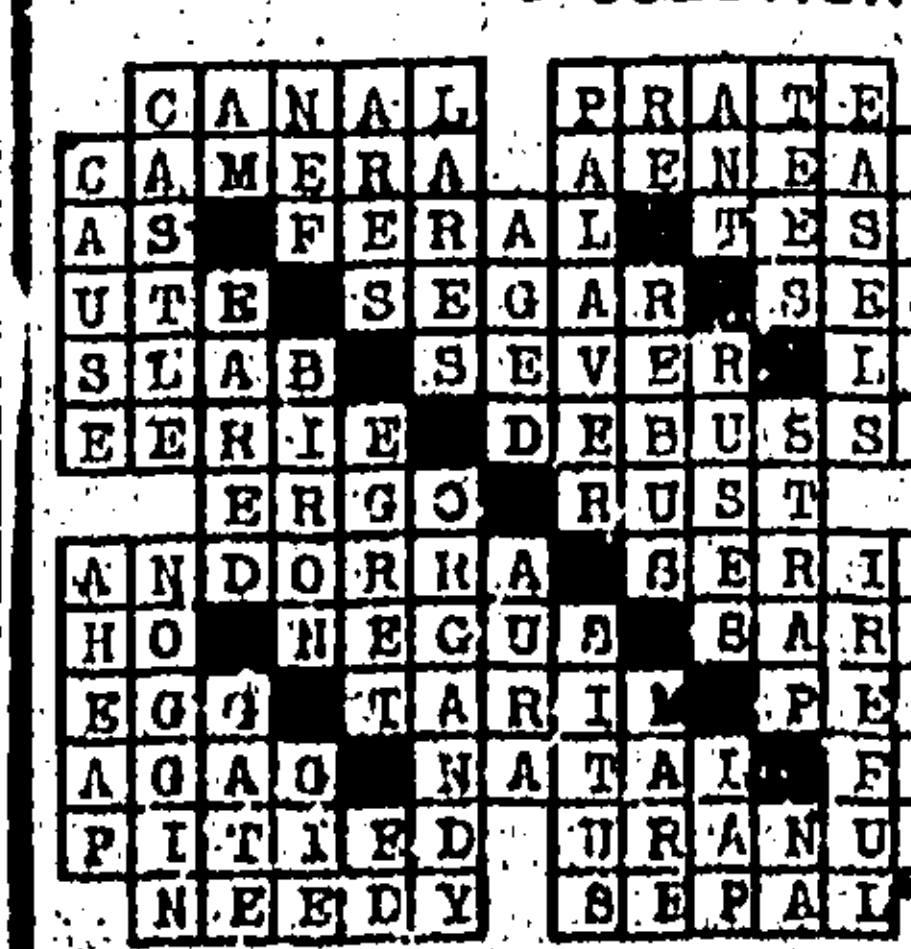
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To assist
- 5 Ox of Celebes
- 9 Long-haired ruminant
- 12 Laughable
- 14 Poetic: to unclose
- 15 Feeble-minded
- 16 To marry
- 18 Gull-like bird
- 20 Music: three
- 21 Spanish article
- 22 Babylonian deity
- 24 Heavenly city of God (var.)
- 26 Beam
- 28 To fasten
- 30 Third of a yard
- 32 For fear that
- 35 Burden
- 37 Tidy
- 39 Resort
- 40 Dyeing material
- 42 To spring
- 44 Symbol for yttrium
- 45 To talk to no purpose
- 47 Italian coin
- 49 While
- 51 Men's name

VERTICAL

- 1 Wing
- 2 Sweetened roll
- 3 To redact
- 4 Thin piece of clay (pl.)
- 5 Land measure
- 6 Builder of the ark
- 7 To eject
- 8 Turkish coin
- 9 Pronoun
- 10 Part of a church

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- 11 Flat-bottomed ship
- 13 Hair-line
- 17 Aloud
- 19 Midday
- 22 Epic poem
- 23 Japanese aborigine
- 25 Christmas carol
- 27 Affirmative
- 29 Stupefied
- 31 Chinese money
- 33 Informer
- 34 To make lace
- 36 City in Massachusetts
- 38 Appendage
- 41 Former king of Denmark
- 43 Bow of a vessel (pl.)
- 46 Entices
- 48 Plant furnishing aniseed
- 49 South-African fox
- 50 Heavenly body
- 52 Declined
- 54 Merriment
- 55 Biblical garden
- 57 Frozen water
- 58 Nahoor sheep
- 62 Teutonic deity

AN ICY SHOWER BATH

Great satisfaction regarding what they term the Soviet's blunt expression of disapproval over Germany's occupation of Bulgaria, is expressed by all leading newspapers in Istanbul.

The "Tan" declares: "The Soviets administer an icy shower bath to the Germans and Bulgarians."

The "Ikdan" says: "The Soviet Union, in an unusually hardened tone, shows great irritation over the presence of German troops in a region considered a Russian security zone only 70 miles from the region of the Dardanelles."

Reuter.

Soviet Shocks Berlin

The Swedish paper "Gothenburg Handelstidning" declared yesterday that Berlin hardly expected a Russian protest over the Bulgarian occupation.

It must have been specially hard to swallow. While Germany talks of pacifying the Balkans, Russia says squarely that it is, on the contrary, aimed at bringing Bulgaria into the war.

MOSCOW HAS CALLED A SPADE A SPADE AND NOTHING CAN, AT A MOMENT WHEN GERMAN DIPLOMACY IN TURKEY AND YUGOSLAVIA SEEKS TO APPEAR IN A MOST FRIENDLY LIGHT, BE MORE UNWELCOME. — REUTER.

AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN

The London speech of Mr. Menzies, the Australian Premier, last Monday, discounting the inevitability of a conflict between Australia and Japan, caused no dissent in the Commonwealth Cabinet, stated Mr. Fadden, the acting Premier, in Melbourne yesterday.

Information now received by the War Council has checked Labour criticism of the speech. — Reuter.

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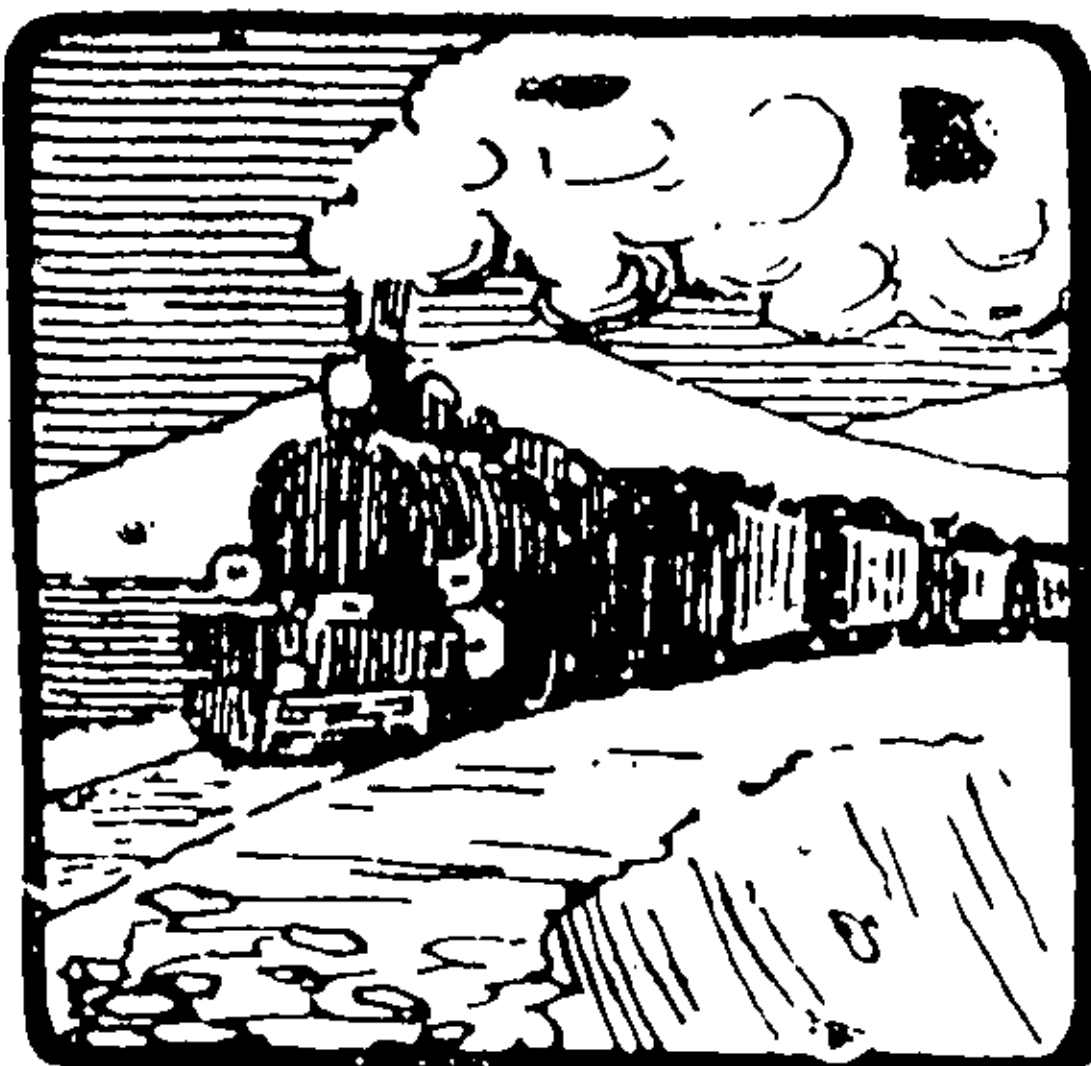
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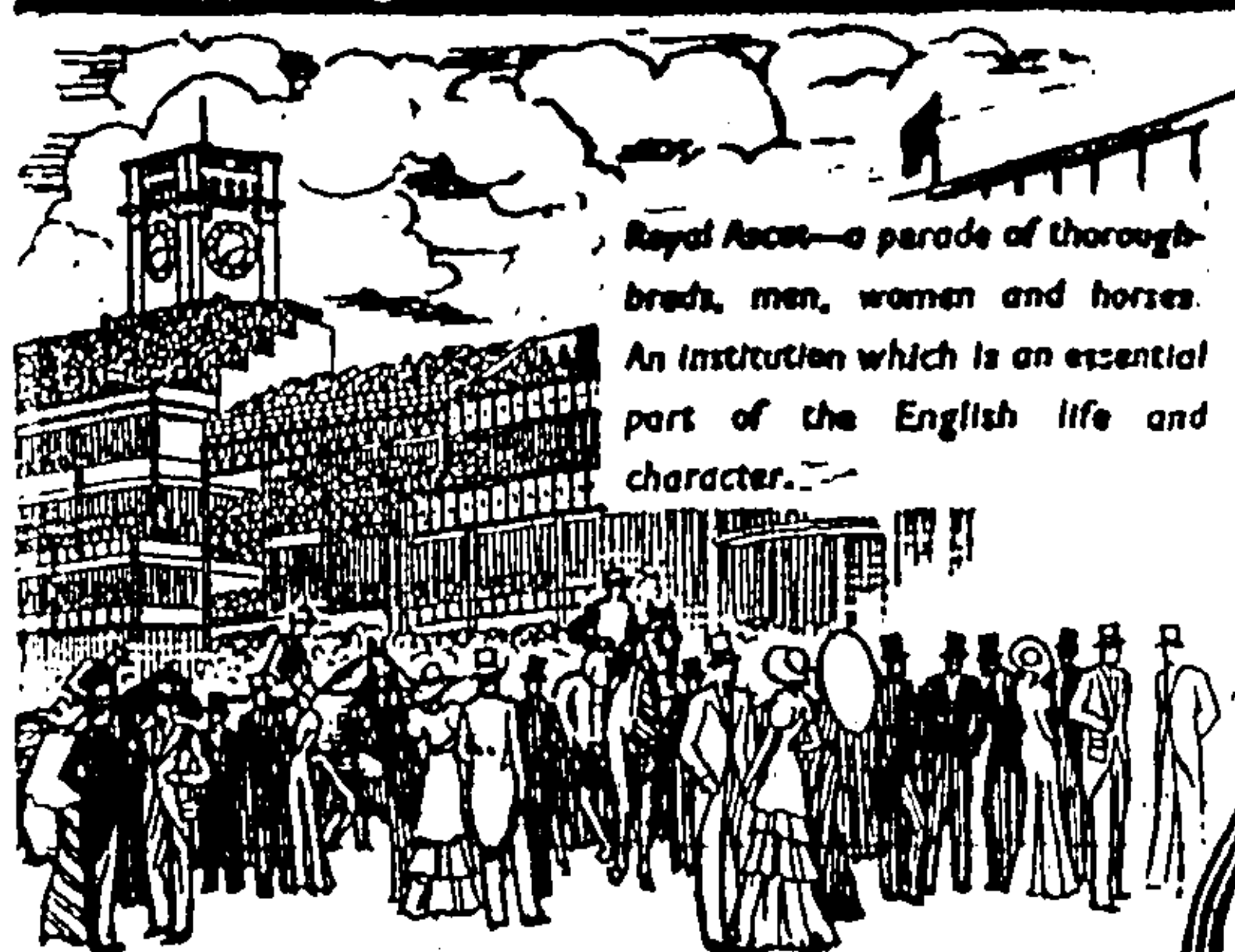
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MAJOR MILITARY SUCCESS OF THE ABYSSINIAN PATRIOTS

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent
Somewhere in Abyssinia)

THRUSTING THROUGH parched mountainous country, the Abyssinia Patriot Army, led by British and Australian officers, scored their first major military success with the capture of the well-fortified market town of Burye which was evacuated on Tuesday.

The fall of Burye follows relentless guerilla activities of which cavalry behind the Italian lines formed a part.

Previous advances have been largely the result of Italian withdrawal but Burye was defended by Italian artillery, wire fortifications and a garrison estimated at two brigades.

The next point of any importance along the road to Addis Ababa is Debra Marcos, some 40 miles nearer the capital, but it is believed that this is no more strongly defended than Burye.

Strategic Road

The strongest natural defence now existing between the Patriot Army and Addis Ababa is the beginning of the Blue Nile a further 30 miles on and this is a large canyon about a mile deep.

Debra Marcos is situated at a road junction which includes the strategic road from Addis Ababa to Gondar. The cutting of this road would be a serious blow for the Italians. — Reuter.

CHINESE DIVER DROWNED

A 45-year-old Chinese diver, employed by the naval authorities at Aberdeen was drowned on Tuesday afternoon.

The man, Nip Tam, is believed to have met his death as a result of the development of a leak in the diver-suit which he wore while working below the surface.

DEATH OF MASTER MARINER

The death occurred at the Matilda Hospital at midnight of a well-known figure on the China Coast, Captain George Strickland Edmondson.

Captain Edmondson, who was 58 years of age, was a native of Liverpool, and had been in coastal and river steamers on the China Coast since 1924.

He last served as Chief Officer of the s.s. Chang On (Peters and Company) and was with the ship until he entered the Matilda Hospital in January.

The late Captain Edmondson has a brother in Shanghai and other surviving relatives in England.

The funeral takes place this afternoon at 4.45 p.m. The Rev. Cyril Brown will officiate at the graveside.

CORRESPONDENCE

SIMILARITY OF NAME

Sir, — With reference to the Rex v Jacobs case, I would greatly appreciate it if you could publish the fact that the soldier witness named Bright has no connection with myself. Owing to the fact that I belong to the same unit as the accused and the majority of the witnesses, it could be reasonably assumed that I was the witness in question.

The soldier named Bright who gave evidence, belongs in fact, to the Middlesex Regiment.

Yours etc.,
R. E. BRIGHT,
R.A.M.C.

GESTAPO TRAP IN HOLLAND

Street fights, strikes, sabotage and campaigns of organised insults to the German armed forces in Holland, are giving the Gestapo such trouble that they have resorted to setting traps in the hope of catching the organisers by a "help Britain" bait.

Radio Orange—the Dutch Government broadcasting station in Britain — has issued a warning to loyal Dutch not to be caught by Gestapo tricks, and yesterday's issue of "Vrij Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, disclosed the sort of trap the Gestapo laid — and it is believed very successfully — recently.

Gestapo agents, says the paper, deliberately spread a story that all those young men who wished to join the Netherlands Legion in Britain should report at certain country districts, where there was a large isolated lake.

A British flyingboat, it was said, had been landing on the lake and took off volunteers thought suitable for the Legion.

The Gestapo were waiting at the scene when the would-be volunteers arrived and all those trapped by the Gestapo are stated to be in the Schevening Prison. — Reuter.

A SMALL FIRE

A small fire occurred on the roof of the Tai Wo Restaurant, Laichikok Road, at 3.30 a.m. today. A fire appliance from Mongkok extinguished the outbreak.

JAPAN'S CLOSING OF CHINA DOOR

DIFFICULTIES PLACED in the way of British firms wishing to sell imported goods direct to consumers in occupied areas in China are still increasing, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the Commons at question time yesterday.

He was not in a position to say whether it was everywhere impossible to do so.

Mr. H. W. Kerr (Cons, Oldham) asked whether, as this was a gross violation of the Open Door policy, representations had been made to the Japanese Government.

Mr. Butler replied that these questions frequently had been taken up and the whole matter was under further consideration.

Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons, Bilton): "Are we working with America in this matter?"

Mr. Butler: "We always work with America."

Mr. Kerr next asked whether the Foreign Secretary was aware that the cost of the Japanese army in occupied China was largely met from revenue contributed by Ja-

panese companies established under army supervision.

Monopoly Routes

Was the Foreign Secretary also aware that all exports from occupied China have to leave via traffic routes over which Japanese companies have been granted a monopoly, and was it proposed to take action to stop the resulting heavy tax on British traders?

Mr. Butler replied he could only repeat that as he informed the House on Feb. 26 the system of trade and exchange established by the Japanese tended to favour Japanese interests and the resultant effect on British trade had Government's constant attention. — Reuter.

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THAILAND'S ASPIRATIONS

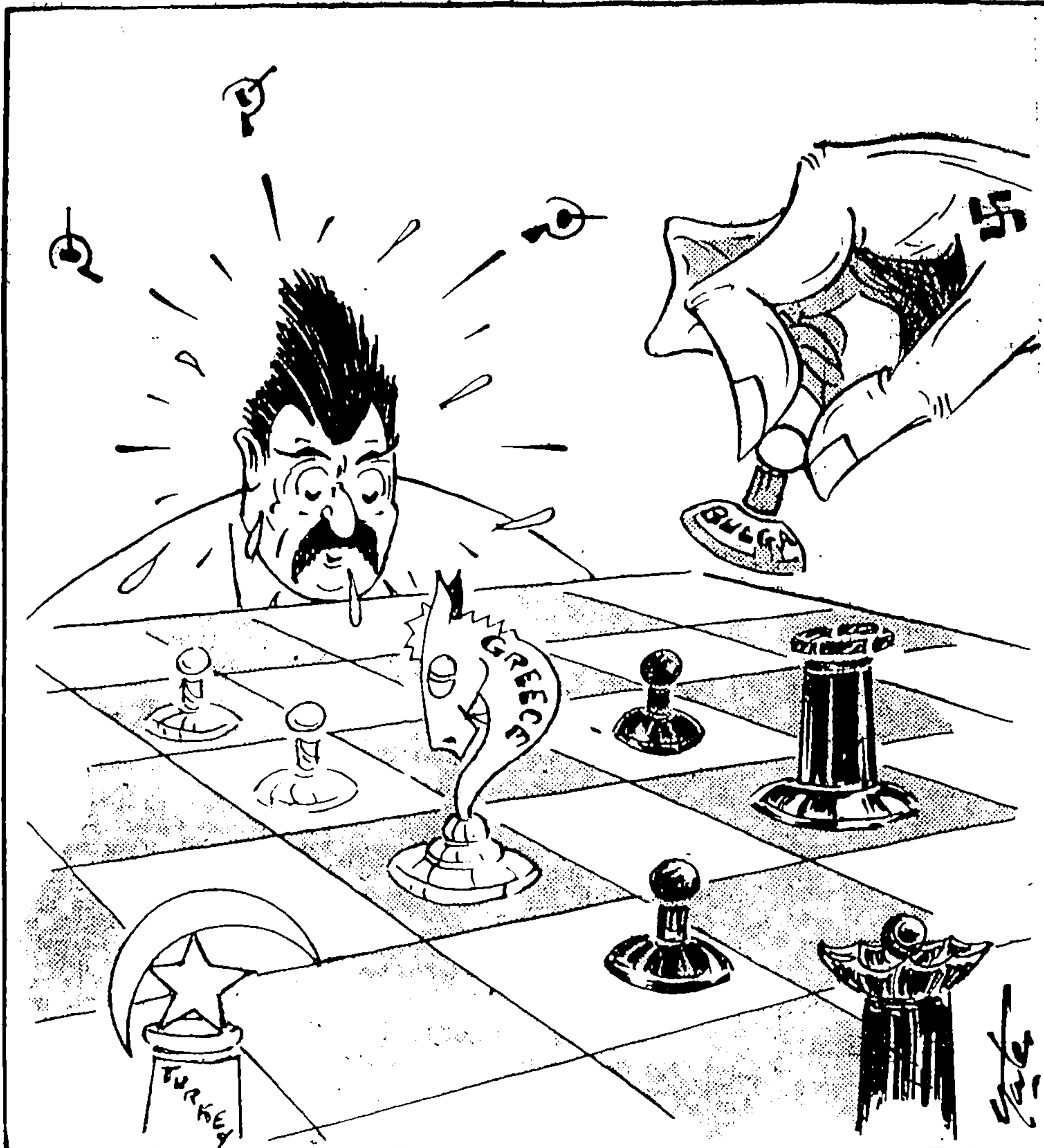
The history of French relations with Thailand over the period of the last century provides sufficient evidence of successive French encroachments of an imperialistic nature to justify Bangkok's enthusiastic welcome of Japan's 'mediation' proposals as requiring nothing of France which is not Thailand's just due.

Were this the sole issue involved, indeed, a dispute between two countries with an arbitrator's award resisted by one of the two parties, there would be little disposition to show any more patience with France than is at present being exhibited by Japan.

The whole of the circumstances connected with the episode, however, suggest very strongly that Japan's has been the guiding hand from the beginning, and that, wittingly or unwittingly, Thailand has permitted herself to be exploited as a tool in a bigger and more dangerous game. The protracted negotiations in Tokyo, for this reason, are being watched with close attention not unmixed with anxiety.

The final outcome, at the moment, cannot be predicted, but it is desirable that, if the worst comes to the worst, Thailand should bear in mind that she has other friends besides Japan. In September last she ratified a non-aggression pact with Britain which had been signed three months earlier. This caused much satisfaction in London, where it was felt that the treaty would have an important bearing on the part which Thailand may have to play as a factor for stability and peace in South-Eastern Asia. That is only if the renamed "Land of the Free" insists on being allowed to work out its own destiny. As no more than a pawn in Japan's "New Order" strategy, Thailand will realise, when it is too late, that in the totalitarian scheme of things small nations must only be puppets and the weak have no rights.

THE BALKAN CHESSBOARD



HITLER: "YOU DIDN'T KEEP THAT PIECE COVERED, DID YOU, JOE?"

Let's Have Some Nice Fresh Air

If a Gallup inquiry were held into the popular attitude to fresh air, I wonder which side would get the more votes—the advocates of fresh air or its enemies.

Those who dislike fresh air have, I think, the greater energy and are probably the more pugnacious. They have already succeeded in fixing a derogatory epithet on their opponents in the public mind and have made them infamous as "fresh air fiends."

This is good propaganda, and the lovers of fresh air have done nothing to counter it. They might have retorted with "fug fiends," but they are a patient race not given to revenge.

Not only in words but in deeds do the haters of fresh air show a superior activity. If a hater of fresh air gets into a railway compartment he will begin almost before he has taken his seat plotting and planning how to get the window shut.

It does not matter if he is sitting with his back to the engine or in the far corner from the window; he hates the thought that any trickle of fresh air should be allowed to invade the compartment and prevent the atmosphere from becoming soporific.

A little man of this temper came into a compartment in which I was sitting the other day and at once began staring miserably at the window that was open beside me. Other people came in and filled the compartment not only with themselves but with tobacco-smoke, but the little man kept fussing in his seat, coughing, and holding his coat-collar higher round his neck, while every now

and then he would cast a look of anguish at the window.

As it was a beautiful sunny afternoon—a spring day out of season—I hardened my heart and pretended not to see his misery. At last, however, he rose to his feet, leaned over to me and made the earnest appeal: "Would you

By

Robert Lynd

mind having the window up a little?" Not having the determination of a fresh air hater, I yielded and pulled up the window, leaving only an inch open at the top.

Even that did not make the little man happy; and, indeed, "It is my opinion that an inch of window in a railway train sometimes lets in a more malleous draught than a wide-open window."

Anyhow, the little man sat, with his head in his hands, making the most extraordinary noises in his throat, so that the passengers were afraid he was going to have a seizure. I am perfectly sure that this was all make-believe, because, when at last he got the window shut, his whole appearance changed and it was clear that he was as hale a man as is to be found in the Home Counties.

I am not myself, I may say, an out-and-out fresh air fiend. I have sat in a train hating just like anybody else the person who kept a window open.

I remember travelling from Brighton one day during a coal

strike when there was no heating in the carriages. The day was icy, and an east wind was blowing, yet a young woman sitting in a corner kept the window wide open beside her as she read her novel.

The rest of us were all men, and none of us had the courage to ask her to behave with common humanity. As we shivered in our seats, we stared at her with detestation, and exchanged meaning and malevolent glances with each other. But she was apparently unconscious of her unpopularity.

I remember in particular one passenger with a red moustache whose nose got bluer and bluer as his feet got colder. When he arrived at London and the woman went off down the platform he turned to me with the frost of hatred sparkling in his eyes and said with intense bitterness: "The next time she goes by train she should travel on the roof."

It is seldom, however, that a fresh air fiend in a train gets his or her way in this fashion. I can remember only one other instance of a fresh air fiend successfully opposing the wishes of the rest of the passengers.

He was asked to close the window, though the day was mild. He said: "It's only fair to warn you, gentlemen, that I'm suffering from a bad attack of influenza, and, if the window is shut, some of you may become infected with the germs." The proposal to shut the window was not proceeded with.

I have often wondered whether the man really had influenza or whether he had merely discovered a clever trick by which he could

History Repeats

At the beginning of the last World War Bulgaria had entered into negotiations with the Allies thinking that she would recover some of the territory lost in the Balkan War of 1913. The people favoured the cause of the Allies, and many of the leading statesmen of Bulgaria were pro-Russian, but the Czar Ferdinand and his supporters leaned towards Berlin and

By W. Rees Harriss

Vienna, who promised them an outlet on the Aegean as well as the Greek territory of Epirus. Ferdinand's policy resulted in a secret treaty with the Central Powers, and only became known to the people when Bulgaria commenced military operations on the side of Germany with an attack on Serbia in the late Autumn of 1915.

This action aroused the wrath of the then Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Sazonoff, resulting in the breaking off of diplomatic relations. The ultimatum sent by Russia to Bulgaria followed on a statement containing these words: The whole Russian nation is aroused by the unthinkable treachery of Ferdinand and his government to the Slavic cause. Bulgaria owes her independence to Russia, and seems now willing to become a vassal of Russia's enemies.

The opening words of the Russian ultimatum are almost applicable to the situation which has preceded Bulgaria's present alignment with Germany, viz:—

"Events which are taking place in Bulgaria at this moment give evidence of the definite decision of King Ferdinand's Government to place the fate of its country in the hands of Germany. The presence of German and Austrian officers at the Ministry of War and on the staffs of the army, the concentration of troops on the zone bordering on Serbia, no longer leave any doubt as to the object of the military preparations of Bulgaria." The ultimatum concluded with the words:—"The Russian Minister has, therefore, received orders to leave Bulgaria with all the staffs of the Legation and the Consulates, if the Bulgarian Government does not within twenty-four hours break with the enemies of the Slav cause and Russia, and does not at once proceed to send away the officers belonging to the armies of states who are at war with the powers of the Entente."

A similar ultimatum was sent at the same time by Great Britain and France.

The Bulgarian Government emboldened by the thought that German arms must eventually triumph, flouted the ultimatums. She denied the presence of German officers on the staffs of the Bulgarian army, and even if they were present, she said, it was the concern of Bulgaria only.

How Ferdinand lost his throne and Bulgaria finally collapsed are common knowledge.

get his way about keeping windows open in railway trains.

On the whole, I think fresh air is becoming more popular than it used to be. Behind black-out curtains we miss those agreeable currents of air that used to prevent stagnation. In air-raid shelters, too, many of the shelterers must long for the return of the amenities of a draughty home.

DEFENCE COUNSEL'S ARGUMENTS IN JACOB CASE HEARING

THAT THE GIRL was at all times a consenting party and that she reported to the Police because she was afraid that her fiancé would later find out, was the defence put forward by Mr. George She, in the case in which Private Frank Kenneth Jacob is charged before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

He is charged with rape and indecent assault on Man Mukwai, a spinster, aged 18, near the Chatham Road football field on January 16.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective Sergeant N. B. Fraser, is for the prosecution, while accused is represented by Mr. George She, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

The jury is composed of Messrs. G. T. Harrington (foreman), C. Goldman, Chan Kam-shing, Ma Yue-man, Lee Gwok-ye, Lui In-tso and Tam Poh-keng.

Only witness to-day was Lieut.-Col. H. P. Rudolf, R.A.M.C., who said he had known accused for the past nine months at Whitfield Barracks. His character was very good, except for two very small offences. He was greatly surprised when he heard accused had been charged with the offence. He knew him as quiet and well behaved.

Defence Argument

Mr. George She, addressing the jury, said the evidence could be divided into three groups. The medical evidence, the evidence of the girl and the evidence of the other witnesses.

He submitted that on the medical evidence, after careful consideration they could not conclude that rape had occurred. If it had occurred, there should have been more signs of violence. Dr. Bee had said there were few bruises. The facts were consistent with consent.

The girl had given evidence that she had been held by the neck several times and squeezed, so that she could not shout. There was no evidence of this—only a few slight bruises.

He pointed out that if the evidence before the jury was as consistent with innocence as with

guilt, the accused was not guilty. The bruises could have been caused by excitement during the act and if caused, had been caused during a voluntary act.

Important Evidence

An important piece of evidence was that of Sergeant Davis who said that the girl's dress was not torn. If there had been a struggle, for over an hour, there would have been more signs than just a few bruises—there would have been damage to the clothing.

All this was consistent with a voluntary act.

Dr. Bee had stated that had the act not been voluntary he would have expected more signs of a struggle.

Regarding the girl's story, there were only two present, the girl and accused, and neither might be above suspicion. Neither may have told the truth; both may have exaggerated, but in case of doubt, Mr. She asked the jury to go back on the medical evidence.

Mr. She submitted that the girl went to the police because she was afraid that her fiancé would come to know about it.

In her first report, she had stated that Mary was the friend she went to look for, but later she brought "Ginger" into the story.

She went out with Jacob at 1.45 a.m. after 45 minutes of hesitation. He suggested that the story of Ginger and Mary was untrue and that the fact was that she went with accused for reasons not above suspicion and must have gone voluntarily with him.

"Hardly Believable"

Referring to the struggle, Mr. She said that the girl had said it was a long one. Her underwear had been removed, but was not damaged.

HESITATION CAUTION

IF FRANCE TRIES TO DELAY CONCLUSION OF THE TOKYO PARLEY OVER INDO-CHINA BY TAKING A LUKEWARM ATTITUDE IN DISCUSSION OF THE REMAINING POINTS, JAPAN WILL BE OBLIGED TO TAKE A STRONG ATTITUDE, ABANDONING THE FRIENDLY ATTITUDE BY WHICH SHE RESPECTED FRENCH PRESTIGE IN THE MEDIATION, STATES THE TOKYO "HOCHI SHIMBUN."

Pointing out that the Conference has passed the crisis, the "Miyako Shimbun" says it will be profitable for both Thailand and France to drive the talks.

The "Miyako" advises France to cooperate with Japan in establishing the new order and stabilising the East Asiatic situation. — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved into the Pacific to the south-eastward of Japan and another is probably developing to the north of the Yangtse Valley.

A depression has formed in the trough and is moving north-eastward across the Sea of Japan.

It was hardly believable that in an hour and a quarter she could not have shouted or have been heard.

The time factor was important. There was a fence near the highway and though it was two or three o'clock in the morning, in that area in Kowloon shouts would be heard. He submitted that she never shouted and was a consenting party.

A handkerchief had been mentioned as tied about her mouth, but it had not been produced. There was no explanation of where it had gone. It was only an allegation.

The fence round the field was four feet high. He submitted that it was hard to believe that a man could take a girl against her will over this fence.

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NAZI OCCUPATION OF ITALY REVEALED

MATSUOKA AND M. HENRI MEET FOR THIRD TIME

For the third time yesterday Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, and the French Ambassador, met last night to discuss further details for settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute.

According to a communique issued in Tokyo the negotiations were making steady progress. — Reuter.

SOVIET DEMAND DENIED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Belgrade diplomatic circles state that the meeting between General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, and Marshal Goering concerned Russian demands for the immediate cession of naval bases in the Black Sea.

The demands, it is reported, have been delivered in the form of an ultimatum leaving very little time with which to reply.

Subsequently Rumania has mobilised her forces. There is no confirmation in London of the Russian demands upon Rumania.

Another Belgrade report alleges that Russia is increasing her troop concentrations along the Black Sea Area on the Rumanian border.

Chorus of Denial

A chorus of denials from the interested capitals in Europe has disproved the sensational report alleging that the Soviet had delivered an ultimatum to Rumania demanding naval bases on the Black Sea.

Bucharest, London and Berlin have all denied the report. — International News Service.



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THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF ITALY IS REPORTED IN WASHINGTON TO BE MORE COMPLETE THAN THE OCCUPATION OF BULGARIA.

All Italian harbours are now said to be under German control and the Italian Secret Police is said to be directed by high Gestapo officials.

Consequently, Italy is now regarded in Washington as little more than a province of the Greater Reich.

There is good reason to believe that the German occupation of Italy is the cause of the United States asking Italy to close its consulates at Detroit (Michigan and Newark) and Rhode Island "for reasons of national policy" and to withdraw the personnel thereof from the consulates, which prevents transference of personnel to Italian consulates elsewhere in the United States.

THE REQUEST FOLLOWS THE RECENT ACTION BY ITALY IN ASKING THE UNITED STATES TO CLOSE ITS CONSULATES AT NAPLES AND PALERMO, WHICH WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE OCCUPATION OF LARGE SECTIONS OF ITALY, PARTICULARLY SICILY, BY GERMAN TROOPS. — REUTER.

Movement Restricted

Movements of Italian consulate officials throughout the United States are to be restricted to areas in which they exercise their recognised official duties.

This is the burden of a Note sent by the State Department to the Italian Ambassador in Washington yesterday.

Italian diplomats in Washington are excluded from the request but the Embassy is asked to keep the State Department informed of any movements outside Washington of any naval or military personnel.

Unprecedented

Mr. Cordell's Note does not explain why the United States has taken this action, which is believed to be unprecedented against a country with which the United States is at peace, but the Note has an asperity which indicates resentment at the closing of the American consulates at Palermo and Naples.

The State Department's closing order affects the two most important Italian consulates in the country.

Both at Detroit and Newark there are large Italian communities and Fascists are strong and active. — Reuter.

CASE DISMISSED

Pointing out that the summons against him was wrongly worded, Mr. R. P. Phillips, of No. 13, Hillwood Road, obtained dismissal of the case from Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Phillips was summoned for "allowing two dogs to wander in Hillwood Road at 9 p.m. on February 22 without muzzle or lead."

Sub-Inspector Cunningham, intervening, said he had intended to ask for the words "two dogs" and "9 p.m." to be amended to "one dog" and "7 p.m."

The Magistrate suggested that the Police issue a fresh summons. In the same Court, Mr. Kenneth Sayer, of No. 38, Kimberley Road, was fined \$5 for allowing his dog abroad without a muzzle or lead.

PEAK RESIDENTS SUMMONED

Three Peak residents were summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for allowing dogs abroad without muzzles in Stubbs Road on February 13.

Mr. W. J. Richards, of No. 178, The Peak, was fined \$2; Mr. D. Benson, of No. 302, The Peak, \$5, and Miss N. W. Bascombe, of No. 174, Pokfulam, was cautioned. Sgt. Willerton conducted the prosecutions.

CLAIMS RUN WILD

In eighteen months of war the claims of the enemy High Command to have sunk or seriously damaged British warships have amounted to more than double the fleet possessed by the British Empire at the outbreak of war, states an Admiralty communique.

Since the enemy repeatedly declares that British dockyards are unable to cope with the number of ships requiring repair, ships claimed as seriously damaged are presumably accounted by the enemy as out of action in addition to those claimed sunk. The number of British High Commands in official communiques have claimed sunk or seriously damaged are as follows: Battleships and battle-cruisers 34,

Aircraft-carriers 7, Cruisers 62, Destroyers 185, Submarines 71. Strength of the Empire fleet at the outbreak of war was: Battleships and battle-cruisers 15,

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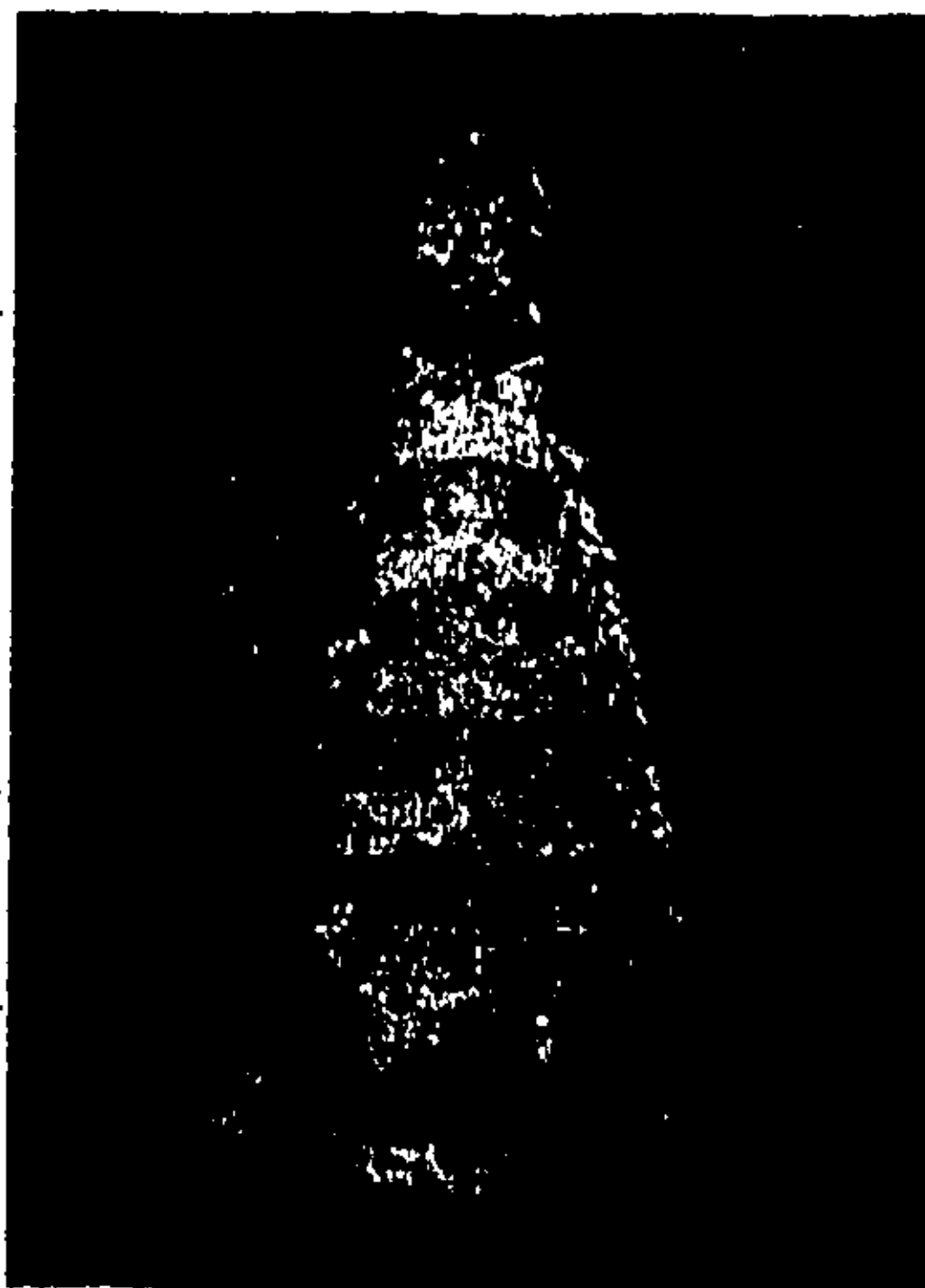
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions.

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares, so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE.—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

Commissioners Powers Ordinance, 1886.

NOTIFICATION

It is hereby notified for general information that the first public session of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be held shortly on a date to be announced by proclamation in the Gazette and all persons wishing to testify before the said Commissioners are requested to give written notice to the undersigned at the Colonial Secretary's Office by the earliest possible date together with a brief memorandum of the evidence which they propose to offer.

The examination of witnesses will be held in public but the Commissioners may, if requested to do so for good cause, direct that the whole or part of any witness's evidence may be taken in private. Any request to this effect should be included in the above-mentioned memorandum.

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AN UNUSUAL HOLDUP

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The holdup play (postponing or "holding up" the winning of a high card) is usually considered the property of Declarer, and is usually employed at no-trump to make it difficult for one defender to get to his partner's hand. But the holdup can be used also by the defending side even against a trump contract and may serve an entirely different purpose.

For example:

South, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ K J 9 8 3
♥ 6
♦ 9 8 3 2
♣ 10 9 8

♠ 7
♥ K 8 7 2
♦ K J 5 4
♣ K 5 4 3

♠ 8 5 4 2
♥ 5 4
♦ A 10 7
♣ J 7 6 2

♠ A Q 10
♥ A Q J 10 9 3
♦ Q 8
♣ A Q

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
4♥ Pass Pass Pass

The bidding indicated a very powerful South hand, so West knew his partner might hold one

Ace but not much more strength. If West could have seen which Ace it was, he could have led a diamond; and then an immediate club shift by East would have led to the contract's defeat. But if East had the club Ace instead of the diamond Ace, a diamond lead might well be disastrous; and either minor-suit lead might be bad if East happened to have the spade Ace.

All things considered, West decided, the singleton spade was the best opening lead. Dummy won with the spade Jack, and promptly finessed the Queen of hearts. It was at this point that West executed the unusual holdup play by dropping a low heart.

Fearing a spade ruff, South tried to exhaust trumps by cashing the heart Ace and returning the heart Jack. But now West took his heart King — and East promptly signalled with the ten of diamonds. That was the purpose of West's holdup — to wait until

East could signal which Ace he had. Now he could lead a diamond, ruff the spade return, and cash the diamond King to defeat the contract.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ Q
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Miler
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 3♣ Pass
3♠ Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Your partner must have fair three-card support for spades and has shown great strength by his jump to two no-trump, so there should be a fair play for game. It would be foolish to go to game in no-trump after you have succeeded in warning your partner away from just that.

Score 100% for four spades, 30% for three no-trump, 0 for pass.

Question No. 658

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7
♥ Q 3
♦ 8 4 2
♣ Q J 6 5

The bidding:

Jacoby Schenken You Miler
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

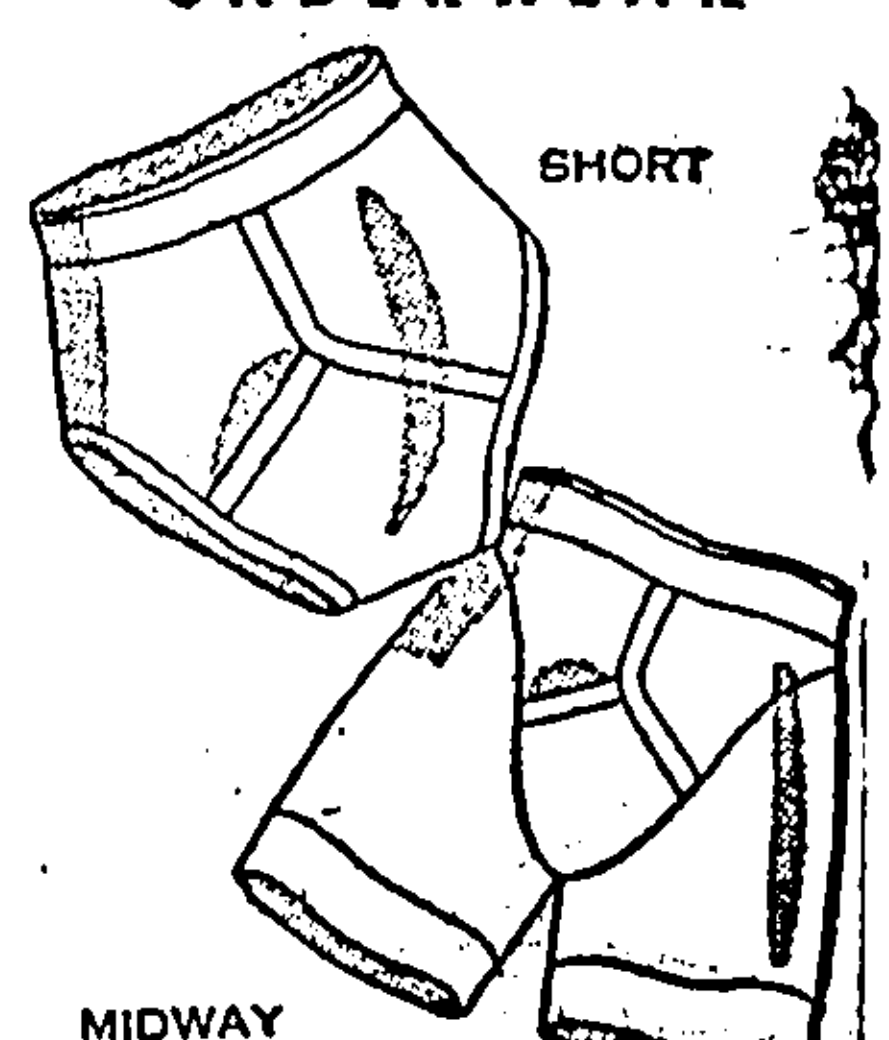
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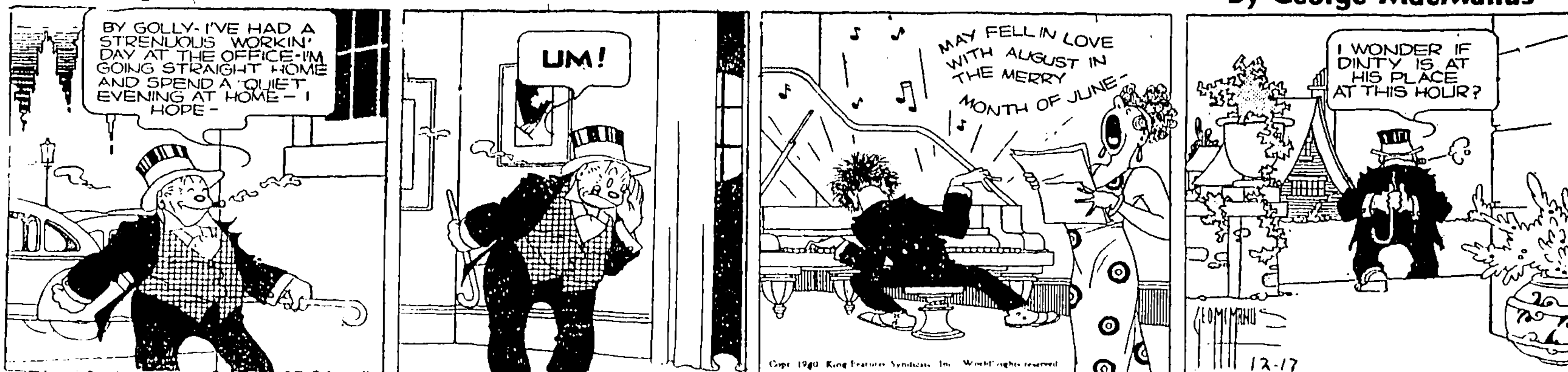
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With Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief, Rosyth, the King boarded two warships and other warcraft which chase U-boats and sweep mines. Belgian and Norwegian naval ratings mingled with British sailors and cheered him as he walked from the jetty.

The King also visited the Fleet Air Arm, and earlier, at Edinburgh, the King and Queen visited the first community feeding centre in Scotland, where 150 people were enjoying lunch of soup, roast beef and vegetables and sweets at a cost of 11d.

The Queen christened a catapult for a warship and in a factory the King and Queen had a long talk about Trade Unionism with three shop stewards. — Reuter.

RADIO

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
 6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates and Coleridge Taylor.

Three Dream Dances (Coleridge Taylor)... London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Clifford Greenwood; 'The Three Men' Suite (Eric Coates)... Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by Eric Coates; Unmindful of the Roses (Coleridge Taylor)... Arthur Reckless (Baritone) with Orchestra; Valse (from 'Wood Nymphs') (Eric Coates)... Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay — Newsletter by O. M. Green.

7.30 p.m.—Folk Music.

The American Square Dance (Reel and Jig Time)... Folk Dance Orchestra cond. by Ronnie Munro; Hungaria (after original folk melodies)... George Boulanger & His Orchestra; Happy Swiss Memories (arr. Betz)... Swiss Ensemble cond. by G. Betz; Neapolitan Folk Song Medley... Carolina Mandoline Orchestra; Fantasia on Norwegian Folk Songs... Norwegian Light Symphony Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

'H.M.S. Pinafire'—Selection (Gilbert & Sullivan)... The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra; 'The Chocolate Soldier'—Vocal Gems (O. Strauss)... The Columbia Light Opera Company; 'Lilac Time'—Selection (Schubert)... The New Mayfair Orchestra; 'Monsieur Beaucaire'—Vocal Gems (Messager)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—Special Czechoslovakian Programme in Commemoration of the Birth of Thomas Garrigue Masaryk.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Request Variety Programme.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

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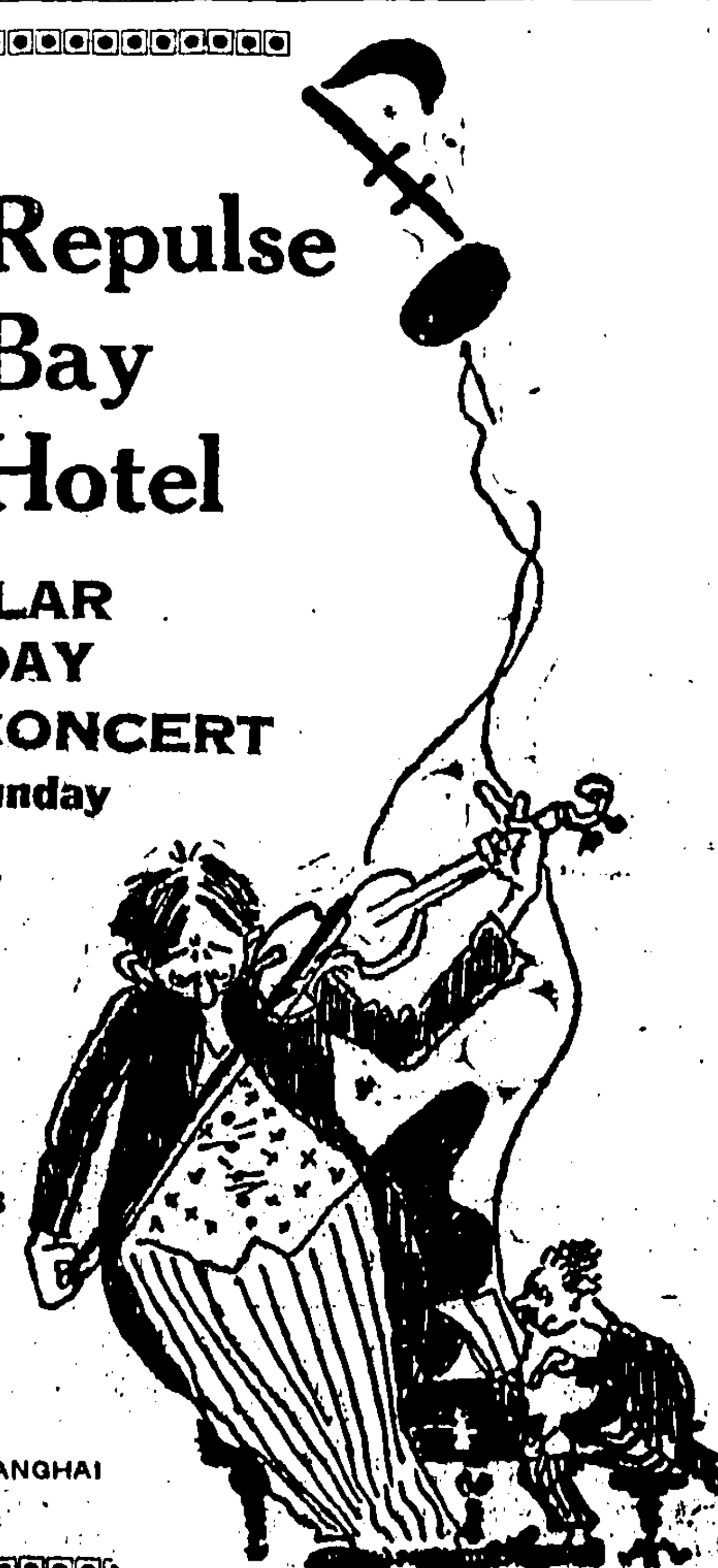
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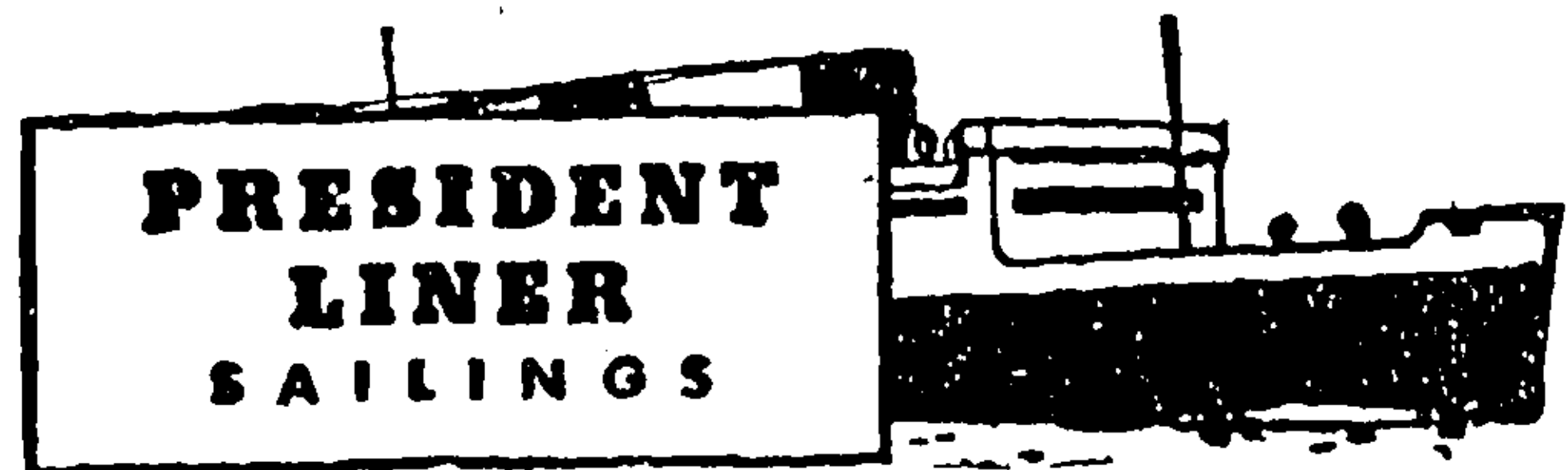
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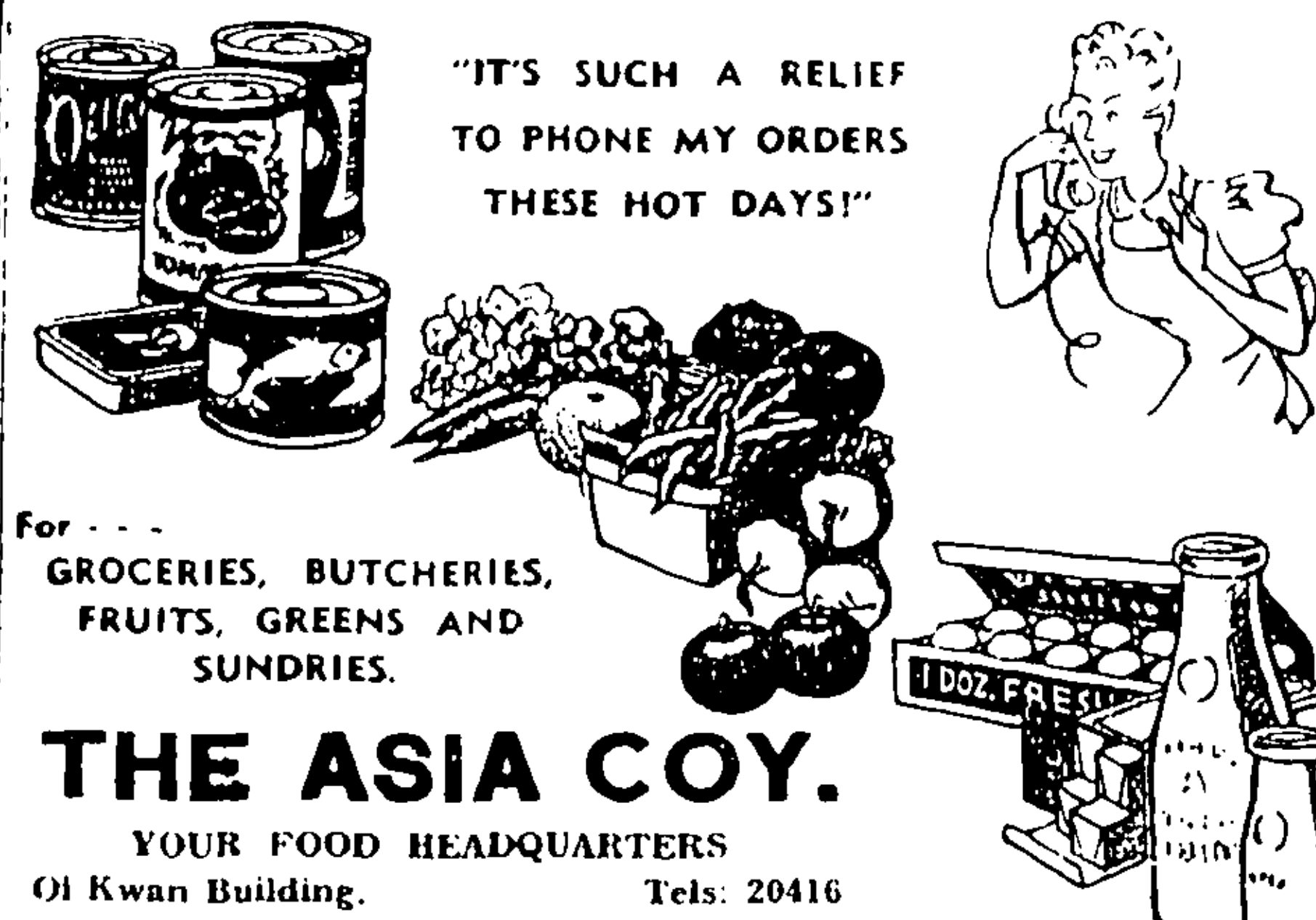
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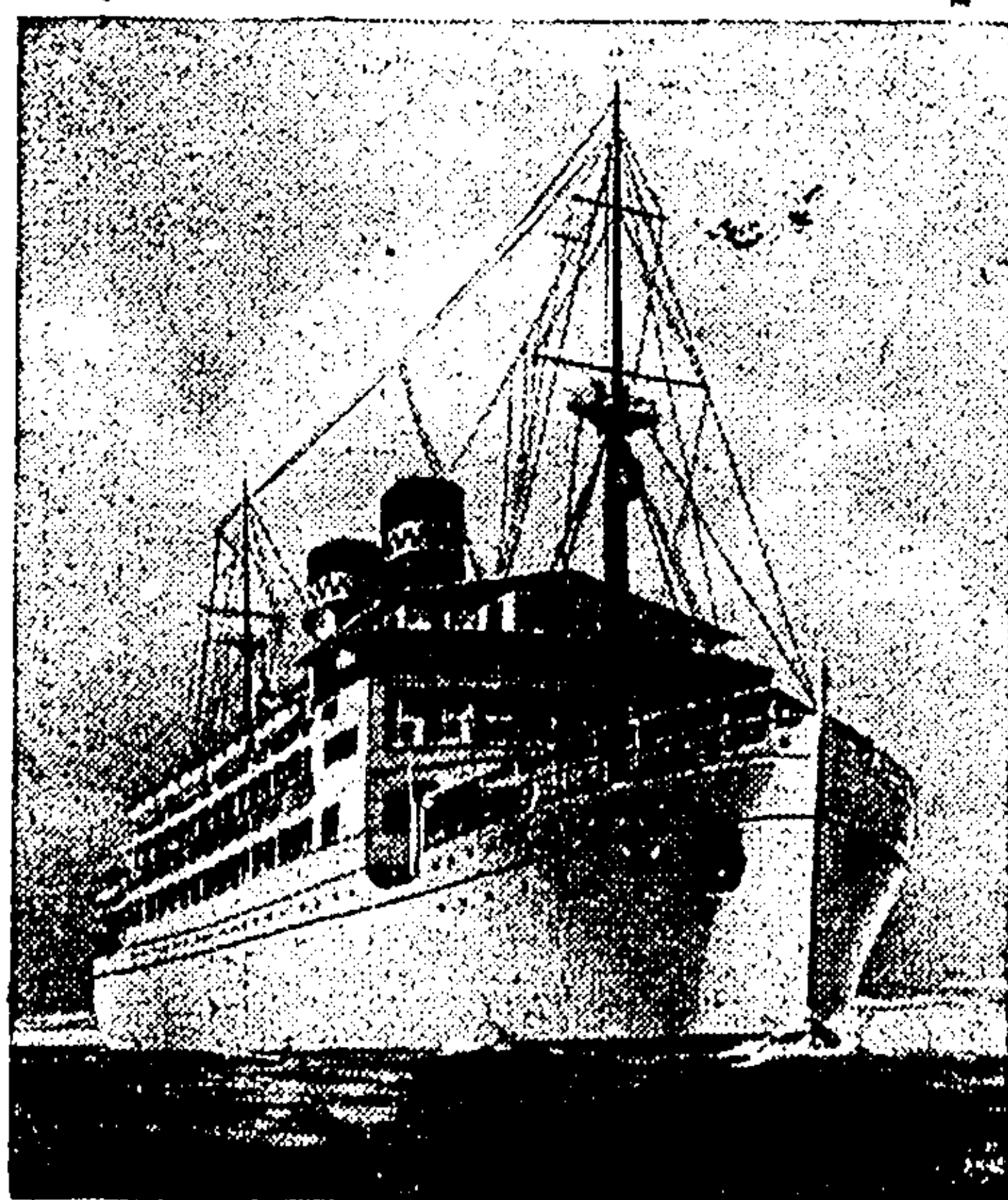
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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

The First Division soccer league should finish this week-end but several games have yet to be played owing to postponements due to Volunteer camp and other military duties.

The race for the championship which now lies between South China, last year's champions and Eastern is still on, and there is only one point separating these two teams and each have only two more games to play.

South China are favoured for the title again and have still Police to play, while Eastern's only real obstacle is St. Joseph's, a team that may give them a good game when they meet on Saturday.

Middlesex beat Royal Scots in the Regimental Derby by 3 goals to 1. Sheehan was again seen in the forward line but the man to impress most was Thomas, at left half, who gave a sound display and had a close hold on Hossack. His display has been rewarded and he has been chosen as left half for the Association team in the Governor's Cup on Sunday next.

The recent improvement of the Kwong Wah team had no effect when they met the lowly placed St. Joseph's at Caroline Hill. St. Joseph's fielded the weakest team they have done this season and surprised by winning by the only goal scored by Santos.

Leonard and Bowen had much to do from preventing the Kwong Wah forwards from indulging in their usual game. Kwong Wah have not beaten St. Joseph's this season.

The surprise packet of Second Division was provided by Ordinance who beat South China for the second time this season.

The heavy ground suited the Ordinance while the sound tackling of the defence put the Chinese off their play.

Representative games and the Finals of the various competitions will be played every week-end for the rest of the season which finishes on April 12. These matches will be played on Sundays to allow the Saturdays free for postponed League games.

In order to catch up with their games, Club, who find that they are unable to play mid-week

ENTRIES FOR FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

Following are the entries for the First Extra Race Meeting, to be held on Saturday, March 15:—

RANDWICK PLATE (First Section). Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile. Angel of Glory (152), Araxy II (152), Archber (152), Beauford (152), Buckfastleigh (152), Casino (149), Gold Rod (149), Jungle Love (149), Jus Gentium (149), Macy (149), Ophir (152), Rocky Beach (152), Seal River (149), Snow White (149), Sunspot (152) and Vitamin M (152).

62 Entries. 16 Drawn. **LOITERERS STAKES.** Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Six Furlongs. Charlesber (152), Eve of Deception (149), Eve of Paradise (152), Forty Six (152), Iron Beauty (152), Lovely View (152), Mauber (152), Night Express (152), Odeon (152), Raconteur (152), Sea Foam (152), So Nice (152) and Wonderful Scheme (152).

13 Entries. **RANDWICK PLATE (Second Section).** Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile. Bona Vacantia (152), Corsair (149), Daylight (152), Flying Fortress (152), High Hat (149), Hole In One (149), Lodesin (149), National Blessings (152), Princess Adelaide (152), Saratoga (152), Seventy Six (152), Sports Lady (149), Streamlet (149), Sydney Diamond (152) and Trade Wind (149).

62 Entries. 15 Drawn. games, are now prepared to play on Saturdays and Sundays and by this means hope to complete their fixtures in time.

Sing Tao are doing well in Manila and have so far won all their games. They have still two matches to play one of which is against Combined Manila. They leave on Monday and are expected in the Colony on Wednesday in time for the Governor's Cup game.

The draw for the Shield competitions will be made on Wednesday. Last year's finalists are still in the Senior Competition and when these two teams clash, either in the Semi-finals or the Final, a record gate is anticipated.

Neither of the two remaining teams—St. Joseph's and Navy—appear able to beat the Chinese teams and their only hope of reaching the Final is to be drawn against each other. A good game should be seen there as the two teams are evenly matched.

MOONEE PONDS HANDICAP. Winner \$1,000. Second \$350. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies. "B" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1941, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile. Ajax, A Roaring Time, Connieber, Contact, Criffel, Derby Day, Devonian, Flying Dutchman, Franklin, Income Tax, Piccadilly Jim, Pumpernickel, Rowan, Springhurst and Vixen Tor. 15 Entries.

RANDWICK PLATE (Third Section). Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile. Angel of Peace (149), Anzac Day (149), Arnieber (149), Battle (152), Bendigo (152), Black Seal (152), Blue Gown (149), Dashing Beauty (152), Fresh Air (149), Harmony Star (149), Starlight View (149), Strathalbyn (149), Swallow (152), The Hawk (152), The Koala Bear (152) and Too Hot (152).

62 Entries. 16 Drawn. **MELBOURNE CUP.** Winner \$2,000. Second \$750. Third \$500. For all Australian Ponies. Weight 140 lb. Winners at any time of one race, 5 lb. of two races, 10 lb. of three or more races, 14 lb. penalty. Winners of \$4,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1941, barred. Two Miles.

Australian Diamond (150), Baffin Bay (154), Brutus (154), Colooma (145), Endeavour (145), Fair Chance (150), Far View (154), First Love (145), Fleetwing (145), Happy Returns (145), Jus Gentium (140), Marsh Warbler (145), Mountain View (140), National Courage (140), Piccadilly Jim (154), Starlight (145), Triumphant Day (150) and Viceroy (154).

18 Entries. **BROADMEADOWS HANDICAP.** Winner \$1,000. Second \$350. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies. "C" Class. Winners at Race Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1941, barred. Jockey Allowance. One Mile. Annabella, Bredon, Bruno, Cheerful Star, Cocklebot, Double Finesse, Maple Star, Quick Despatch, Sea Jay, Shuttlecock, Spring Shine, Twilight Star, Venus Bay and Winnie.

14 Entries. **RANDWICK PLATE (Fourth Section).** Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Subscription Ponies of 1941. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile. A Rosy Time (149), Bandito (149), Boneshaker (152), Chateauguay (152), Corriedoo (152), Corvette (152), Joan (152), Linda (149), National Endurance (152), Optima Fide (152), Royal Sovereign (152), Sydney Lady (152), Tobaccoosh (149), Vigor (152) and War Tax (152).

62 Entries. 15 Drawn. **OAKLEIGH PLATE.** Winner \$1,500. Second \$400. Third \$250. For Australian Ponies. Griffins of this Season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. One Mile. Amusement Tax (152), Canberra (149), Iron Belle (152), King's Welcome (149), Locus Standi (152), Man-O-War (152), Miss Chalfont (149), National Courage (152), National Reform (152), Normie Poenae (152), Oracle (149), Prairie View (152), Ratlo Decidendi (152), Riverside (152), Subpoena (152), Tropical Love (152), Vanguard (152) and Vis Major (152).



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MANY TITLES CHANGE HANDS

EXCELLENT SPORT and some very good fights were witnessed at Shamshuipo yesterday at the boxing tournament of the Middlesex Regiment and several titles changed hands.

Perry and Fredman were seen in one of the best fights of the evening and both were congratulated by the referee at the conclusion of the fight. There were several knockouts during the afternoon while several bouts were not held owing to medical reasons.

BANTAMWEIGHT

The first fight of the afternoon between Pte. Hope and L/Cpl. Panting resulted in a win for Hope on points. Panting held out well for the three rounds, although Hope was the more experienced boxer of the two.

FEATHERWEIGHT

In this contest Pte. Baker received a walk-over from Pte. Comptonford who was marked unfit by the medical officer.

Second String

Pte. Hills beat Dim Dewberry on points after a very good fight.

LIGHTWEIGHT

Pte. Noble, who is the Battalion belt holder of the Featherweight class this year beat Dim. Chucksfield in the Lightweight contest in the first round by a knockout. Pte. Noble fought in this weight this year as there was no one to fight him in his own class.

Second String

Pte. Lanigan and Pte. Drake had a good hard fight which resulted in a win for Drake on points. This was Drake's last fight in the Battalion. He is leaving the Colony for Home soon and at the conclusion of the competition he was congratulated by the Commanding Officer, Lieut-Colonel H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., on his fine sporting abilities, and for what he had done for the Regiment.

Third String

This was one of the hardest fights of the competition which started off at a fast pace which was kept throughout. Ptes. Hughes and Andrews kept hard at it all the three rounds, and if one of them had landed a hard punch in the last round the other would have certainly gone out for the count.

It resulted in a win for Andrews on points.

WELTERWEIGHT

This fight did not last long with L/Cpl. Milroy knocking out Pte. Storr in the first round.

Third String

Pte. Pearson, the Battalion footballer, soon finished his fight with Pte. Robertson by winning through a knockout in the first round.

Fourth String

Pte. Devine, who has been entering the Battalion Boxing competitions for the past 11 years has at last succeeded in winning his first fight by defeating L/Cpl. Moggeridge on points. This was well received by the spectators.

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Pte. Cooper, who in the previous night's boxing had beaten L/Cpl. McGrady, last year's winner of this weight, received a walk-over from L/Cpl. Harris who was medically unfit, thus giving him the Battalion Middleweight Belt.

Second String

Pte. Bennett beat Pte. Roberts after a hard fight on points in this contest.

Third String

L/Sgt. Perry beat Pte. Fredman on points after a very hard and keen fight and both boxers were congratulated by the referee on a very gallant performance.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT

Another surprise was caused when Pte. Fawcett beat Cpl. Fox the Battalion Belt Holder on points.

HEAVYWEIGHT

Pte. Moran had no difficulty in beating his opponent L/Cpl. Newbury by winning on a knockout in the first round.

WELTERWEIGHT

The last fight of the competition between Drum Major Holdford and Pte. Geist resulted in a win for Holdford who knocked out Geist in the second round.

The final placings of the Companies at the end of the competi-

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADY"

COMMAND CROSS

COUNTRY RUNS

ON Tuesday a very enjoyable afternoon was spent at the Annual Command Cross Country runs which started and finished from the Hong Kong Polo Club ground Kowloon.

It was the first occasion that a British Units Team had won the Garrison Challenge Cup for Cross Country for a long time.

This year the competition was split into two separate runs, one for British Personnel, and the other for Indian Personnel.

The first run started at 3.30 p.m. with five Indian Units running, and the first to finish were the 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A. who registered 164 points. Punjabis were second with 349 points, and 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., third with 436 points, the remaining teams to finish were the Combined 8th & 12th Hvy. Regts., R.A. and the 5/7th Rajput Regt. respectively.

The individual winners were:-

1. Sohan Singh (1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.). Time: 35 mins. 32 secs.
2. Lukman Khan (1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A.). Time: 35 mins. 43 secs.
3. Naik Sirdhar Singh (8th Hvy. Regt., R.A.). Time: 35 mins. 59 secs.

These times were fast for this long and hard course.

The British personnel started their run at 3.50 p.m. which resulted in a fine win for Middlesex Regt. who won with 161 points and had the 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13,

winners were as follows.

- A. 44 points
- B. 39 points
- HQ. 34 points
- C. 28 points
- A. 25 points

Winners and runners up of each fight were presented with prizes at the conclusion of the competition by Lieut-Colonel H. W. M. Stewart, O.B.E., M.C., Commanding Officer of the Middlesex Regiment.

15, 18, 24, 26, 27th men who were the twelve men in out of the first 27 home.

Royal Scots were second with 261 points, and Combined Small Units third with 409 points, and Combined Royal Artillery, and the Fortress Royal Engineers fourth and fifth respectively.

Individual winners were:-

1. Pte. Manson (Royal Scots). Time: 37 mins. 7 4/5 secs.
2. Cpl. Hobson (Middlesex Regt.). Time: 37 mins. 21 3/5 secs.
3. L/Cpl. Dunne (Middlesex Regt.). Time: 37 mins. 34 2/5 secs.

The Garrison Challenge Cup for Cross Country was awarded to Middlesex Regiment who obtained 161 points, these being the lowest points recorded for a long time in this event, and the 1st H.K. Regt., H.K.S.R.A., were awarded the Cross Country Cup for the winners of the Cross Country with the next best aggregate 164 points, although the Indian Personnel had the best time for this course.

FOOTBALL

IN the next Governor's Cup match Army are well supported with L/Cpl. Bankier, in goal. Sgt. Fraser, Sgt. Freshwater, L/Cpl. Bright, and L/Cpl. Thomas in the defence. This defence should do the Army honours in keeping the Chinese from getting through to score.

It has been decided that the Army will play Royal Navy in the Kotewall Cup Series either next Wednesday, March 12, or the following Wednesday, March 19, at Caroline Hill. The Army team will be as follows:-

L/Cpl. Bankier (Royal Scots); Sgt. Fraser (Royal Scots) and Pte. Naysmith (Royal Scots); Sgt. Freshwater (Middlesex); L/Cpl. Bright (Middlesex) and Cpl. Birrell (Royal Engineers); Sgt. Owens (Royal Artillery), Spr. Fox (Royal Engineers), Pte. Hossack (Royal Scots), Cpl. Weir (R.A.S.C.) and S/Sgt. Duffield (R.A.O.C.).

RUGBY FOOTBALL

AT Sookunpoo on Wednesday two games were played in the Army Rugby League.

Royal Scots and Royal Engineers had a hard game in which the Engineers emerged winners by three points to nil.

Royal Engineers have still an unbeaten record in this League and it looks very much like they will remain undefeated.

They have a fine team who work well together and they have an exceptionally good player in Cpl. Birrell who is a menace to any team playing against him.

The Sappers' try was scored by Sheldrake, but Birrell failed to convert, with Millar charging him down.

In the second match Gunners were far too good for Middlesex Regt. whom they defeated by 22 points to 6 after leading at the interval by eight points to three.

Capt. Mann of Middlesex was badly missed, and also Capt. Hewitt, and Pte. Berry, three of their most important players.

RUGBY LEAGUE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Royal Engineers	5	5	0	0	10
Royal Artillery	4	3	1	0	8
Royal Scots	4	1	0	1	3
Middlesex Regt.	5	1	4	0	2
Combined Small Units	4	0	3	1	1

SNOOKER

MEDICAL Corps are still three points in the lead of the Royal Engineer Sergeants Mess, both having played the same amount of games.

Results of matches played on March 3 are as follows:-

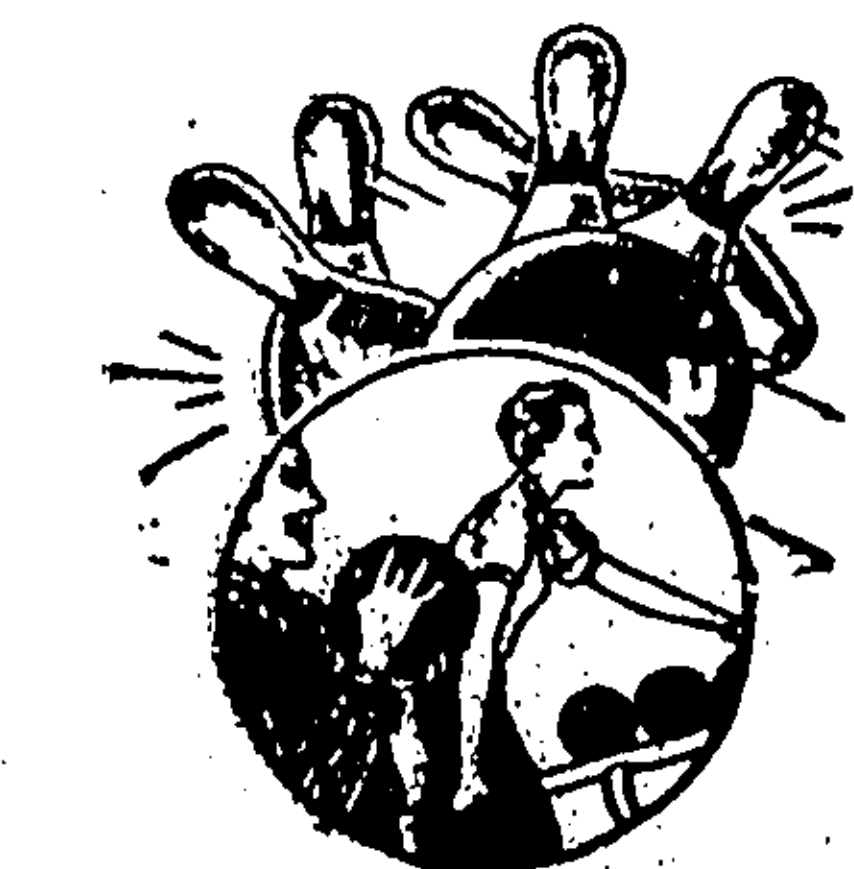
R.A. Sgts. Mess Stanley 2 points—R.E. Sgts. 4 points.
R.E. "A" Team 2 points—C.M. Police 4 points.
Signals Cpls. 2 points—R.A.M.C. 4 points.

LEAGUE POSITIONS TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	9	5	1	3	36
R.E. Sgts.	8	5	2	2	33
C.M. Police	8	2	2	4	24
R.E. "A"	8	2	2	4	24
R.A. Sgts. Stanley	7	2	1	4	22
R.A.P.C.	8	2	3	3	21
Signals Cpls.	9	2	5	2	21
Signals "A"	8	2	6	0	17

BOXING

THE Command Individual Open Boxing competition which is due to take place next week might yet be cancelled owing to insufficient entries.



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J. BUCKS ESTABLISHES TWO JUNIOR RECORDS

FRANCO THE NEW SENIOR CHAMPION

DESPITE THE HEAVY STATE of the track, two records were broken at the Annual Athletic Sports of St. Joseph's College held at Caroline Hill yesterday though the times returned by the senior competitors were not outstanding.

J. Bucks lowered the 800 metres junior record when he ran the distance in 2 mins. 38 1/5 seconds which was 9 seconds better than the previous record. The record for the 1,500 metres was also broken by him in 5 mins. 24 secs., which time is better than that returned by the seniors by 19 3/5 secs.

A. V. Franco easily won the senior championship, while the junior and midget titles were won by S. K. Khan and Choi Hak-yan respectively.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. J. M. Wilson, inspector of schools.

Following were the results:—

Results.
Senior Putting The Shot:—1, A. Dzgoeff; 2, R. Ho; 3, G. Tanaka; 4, V. Godoya. 31 ft. 11 ins.
Long Jump, Junior:—1, B. M. Omar; 2, S. K. Khan; 3, M. Rozario; 4, Tsang To-min, 16 ft. 1 in.
Senior:—1, S. Silva; 2, J. Chiu; 3, D. Young; 4, E. Yusuf, 17 ft.
High Jump, Midget:—1, Ko Wai-hoong; 2, Choi Hak-yan; 3, M. G. Adai; 4, P. Nguyen, 3 ft. 5 ins.
Junior:—1, B. M. Omar; 2, S. K. Khan; 3, Tsang To-min; 4, Abdul Rahman, 4 ft. 7 ins.
Senior:—1, Cheung Chiu-hung; 2, D. Young; 3, R. Wing; 4, E. Yusuf, 5 ft. 1 in.
Boarders' Race, Junior:—1, Ng Kiok-ming; 2, Wong Kam-chiu; 3, R. Godinez, 16 secs.
Senior:—1, J. Linemen; 2, Tai Yuk-hung; 3, A. Godinez, 27 3/5 secs.
100 Metres, Midget:—1, I. Sousa; 2, Choi Hak-yan; 3, A. Barradas; 4, D. Thompson, 16 secs.
Junior 100:—1, S. K. Khan; 2, Lau Kiu-ming; 3, G. Mok, 13 2/5 secs.
Senior:—1, R. Ho; 2, S. Silva; 3, A. V. Franco; 4, Yu Fook-leung, 12 4/5 secs.
200 Metres, Midget:—1, Choi Hak-yan; 2, D. Thompson; 3, A. Barradas; 4, I. Sousa, 33 1/5 secs.
Junior:—1, S. K. Khan; 2, Chan Hung-kwong; 3, Lau Kiu-ming; 4, B. M. Omar, 28 secs.
Senior:—1, Ng Yin-fan; 2, A. V. Franco; 3, S. Silva; 4, R. Ho, 26 3/5 secs.
Open To La Salle College:—1, A. P. Sil-

va; 2, Mackechmie; 3, J. Gomez, 25 secs.
Infants 50 Metres:—1, C. Delgado; 2, E. Franco; 3, Ty Hung-lee; 4, Potato Race:—1, E. Franco; 2, L. Noronha; 3, C. Sousa.

Wolf Cubs' Race:—1, D. Osborne; 2, Yung Pak-wai; 3, R. Newman. Boy Scouts' Race:—1, Ip Wing-kin; 2, Tsang Shiu-kin; 3, J. Anderson.

Midgets Sack Race:—1, D. Osborne; 2, M. Drewery; 3, J. Noronha.

800 Metres, Junior:—1, J. Bucks; 2, Yip Yan-cheung; 3, H. Bucks; 4, J. B. Hassain and Lau Kin-ming, 2:38 1/5 (Record). Senior:—1, A. V. Franco; 2, J. Cheung; 3, Cheng Koon-tan; 4, J. Chiu, 2:36 2/5.

Senior 110 Metres High Hurdles:—1, D. Young; 2, Cheung Chiu-hung, 18 secs.

Girls' 400 Metres Invitation Relay:—1, French Convent; 2, St. Mary's.

Boys' 1,200 Metres Invitation Relay:—La Salle "A"; 2, King's 3, La Salle College "B", 2:48 1/5.

Former Pupils' 400 Metres:—1, R. Castro; 2, A. Leonard; 3, A. Alves, 59 4/5 secs.

1,500 Metres, Junior:—1, J. Bucks; 2, H. Bucks; 3, M. Samy; 4, V. Tavares, 5:24 (Record). Senior:—1, J. Cheng; 2, A. V. Franco; 3, Wong Wai-hung; 4, Lai Kwong-lau, 5:43 2/5.

1,500 Metres Open To Military:—1, Pte. R. Manson (Scots); 2, K. Mohammed; 3, Soares, 4:41.

3,000 Metres Bicycle Race Junior:—1, J. Elvidge; 2, Lee Yuen-kwai; 3, J. Bucks. Senior:—1, Ip Wing-kin; 2, N. Kwong; 3, J. Choa; 4, J. Chueng, 6:42.

Tug-of-War, Junior:—Class 5-B beat Class 3-A in two straight pulls. Senior Class 1 beat Class 3-B in two straight pulls.

Officials' 100 Metres Handicap:—1, J. Solecki; 2, P. Felix; 3, H. G. Asome, 12 secs.

Midget 400 Metres Inter-Class Relay:—1, Class 4-A; 2, Class 7-B; 3, Class 6-A; 4, Class 7-A; 65 3/5.

Junior 800 Metres Inter-Class Relay:—1, Class 4-D; 2, Class 3-A; 3, Class 2-A; 4, Class 4-C.

Senior 1,200 Metres Inter-Class Relay:—1, Class 1; 2, Class 3-B; 3,

RUGBY SEVENS FINAL TO-MORROW

First-rate entertainment is promised Rugby enthusiasts to-morrow on the occasion of the final stages of the seven-a-side tournament for the Blarney Stone Shield. First match will be played at 3 p.m. on Club ground and subsequent proceedings will be enlivened by the band of the Middlesex Regiment.

Among the better teams in the last eight are Club "A" 8th. Hvy. Bty., R.A., Civil Service and Tamar and Small Ships "A". The winning team, which is expected to be one of the above four, will be presented with the shield by Lady Grayburn.

Class 2-B.

Aggregate Champions:—Senior:—A. V. Franco (18); J. Cheung and S. Silva (16). Junior:—S. K. Khan (26); J. Bucks (16).

Midget:—Choi Hak-yan (20); Ko Wai-hoong (8).

Inter-Class Champions:—Senior:—Matric (42); Junior:—2-A and 3-B (26); Midget:—6-B (28).

RE-ARRANGED CRICKET FIXTURES

Following are the re-arranged Cricket League fixtures. Club secretaries are requested to make new arrangements for friendly games fixed on these dates:

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Second Division
I.R.C. v C.S.C.C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

First Division
C.S.C.C. v I.R.C.

Second Division
K.C.C. v C.C.C.

Recreio v I.R.C.

P.R.C. v H.K.U.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

First Division
C.C.C. v I.R.C.

Second Division
C.S.C.C. v P.R.C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

First Division
Recreio v I.R.C.

Second Division
C.S.C.C. v H.K.U.

K.C.C. v C.S.C.C.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

First Division
H.K.U. v C.C.C.

Second Division
K.C.C. v C.S.C.C.

Recreio v C.C.C.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling, Sunday, March 9, 1941.

SUNDAY

Old Course

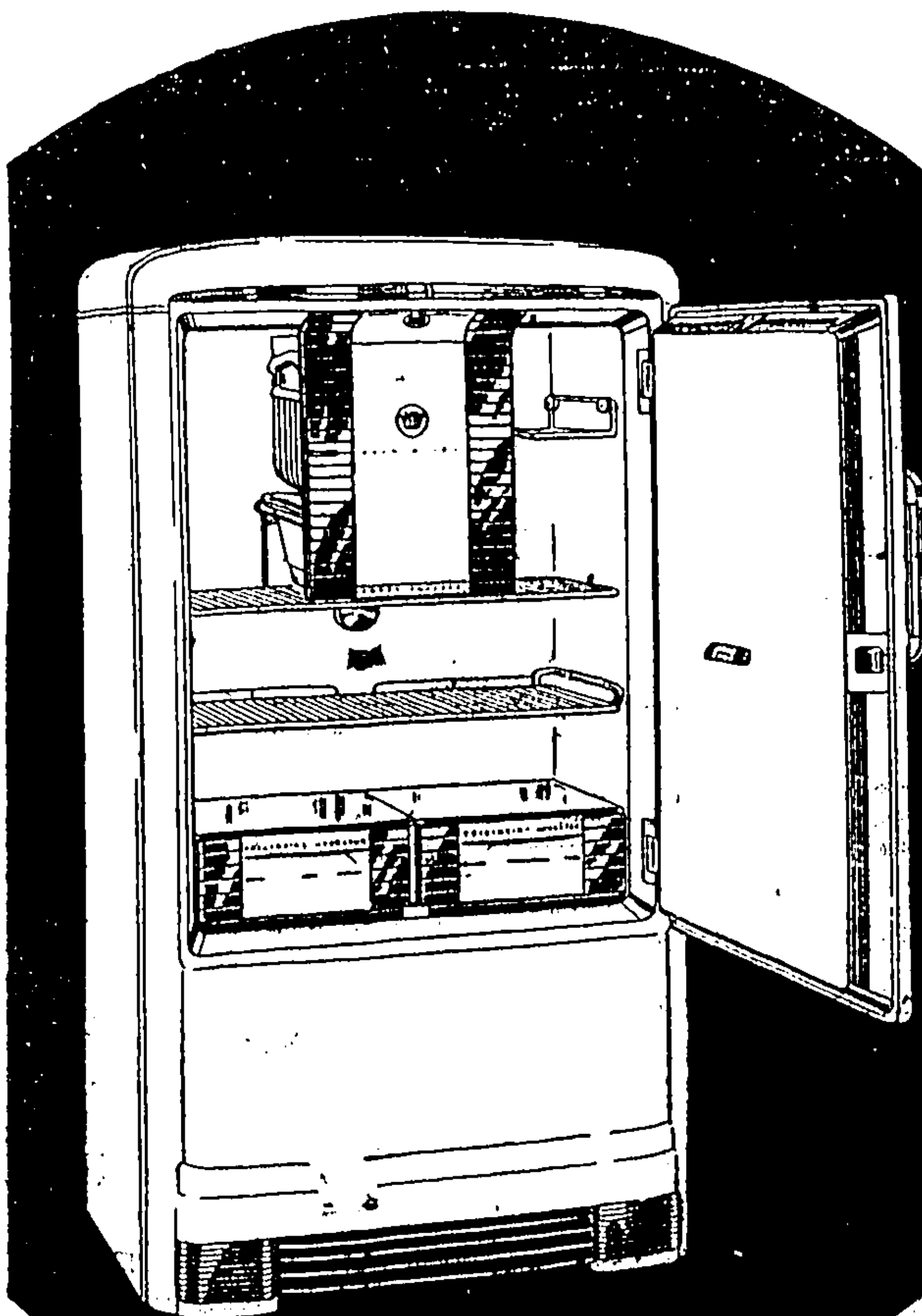
9.16 a.m. C. W. E. Bishop, W. Woodward.
9.20 .. S. Tomlinson, I. P. Tamworth.
9.24 .. W. W. C. Shewan, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.28 .. W. H. Beasley, C. F. Marshall.
9.32 .. J. L. MacIntyre, J. Linaker.
9.36 .. T. Megarry, A. McKellar.
9.40 .. A. W. Bourne, D. S. Robb.
9.44 .. K. S. Robertson, A. M. Kennedy.
9.48 .. W. L. Alexander, J. Harrop.
9.52 .. B. O. Baldwin, P. M. Cotton.
9.56 .. H. M. Rowland, P. E. Annis.
10.00 .. I. H. Geare, S. H. Dodwell.
10.04 .. F. A. Redmond, A. B. Purves.
10.08 .. J. A. Parrish, D. L. Prophet.
10.12 .. G. M. Park, S. L. Lloyd.
10.16 .. R. P. Morris, H. A. Mills.
10.20 .. J. C. Brown, D. S. Edward.
10.24 .. A. M. Mack, G. G. Altkenthead.
10.28 .. L. R. Andrewes, K. E. Young.
10.32 .. Major Alley, J. G. Jensen.
10.36 .. Col. Macpherson, Major Meek.
New Course
9.24 a.m. A. V. and Mrs. Greaves.
9.32 .. Lieut. Carter, M. G. Carruthers.
10.12 .. Miss Wentworth, Mrs. Prophet.

"OCEAN" Golfer's Policy

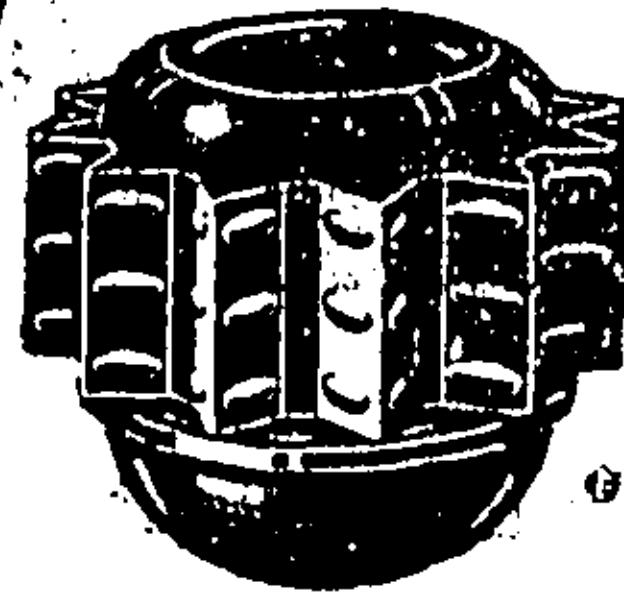
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This was revealed by Captain Margesson, the Secretary of State for War in the Commons yesterday, when he disclosed of the details of the operations for the first time.

He was speaking on the Army Estimates and said that the danger of invasion was very real, but every possibility open to the ingenuity of the enemy has been considered so far as it is possible to read their minds.

In the recent sham battle, lasting about a week, in which both the civil organisations and the military staffs participated, our most brilliant Staff Officers were allocated to the part of the German General Staff in Britain.

THE INGENUITY OF THIS IMPROVISED ENEMY STAFF RESULTED IN A SCALE OF ATTACK FAR HEAVIER THAN ANYTHING THE GERMANS ARE LIKELY TO MAKE.

The enemy was allowed to inflict every conceivable preliminary disaster. There were many landings by sea and by air and the effect of continuous air bombardment of focal points was designed to break the arteries of communication.

Lord Gort's Despatches
Reviewing the events of the

past year, Captain Margesson foreshadowed the early publication of Lord Gort's despatches on the battles in France and Flanders.

The War Minister also revealed that the total British losses in all operations in the Middle East, including East Africa from November 1940 to February 11, 1941, totalled 1,774, of which 438 were killed.

No doubt, he said, the task in Libya would have been sterner if we had been faced by German troops but the weakness of the Italian opposition was not due primarily to weakened morale, for the Italian armies were well-equipped, strongly entrenched and numerically superior, but was due to the brilliant use of supplies and of the power of manoeuvre by the British forces.

Successes in East Africa hitherto had been equally striking.

Mogadiscio's Fall

Within 17 days of the beginning of the attack, Mogadiscio, 350 miles away, had fallen, and within another 48 hours, in carrying out that operation so successfully, we captured more than 10,000 prisoners.

"THESE OPERATIONS ARE A PRELUDE TO THE GREATER STRUGGLE WITH OUR PRINCIPAL ENEMY."

Our situation in June, 1940, after the evacuation from Dunkirk was unenviable. Fortunately, part of the Expeditionary Force's reserve equipment had been stored in Britain and stores were got away from those depots south of the Somme.

Furthermore, equipment en route from America to France was diverted to Britain and the transformation effected in one month was perhaps unequalled in history.

New Divisions

The breathing space we have had since Dunkirk has been turned to good effect. Most of the major formations are now comparatively well equipped and we have been able to form new divisions.

We have also been able to supply material aid to the Allies.

In a warm tribute to the gallant Greek operations, which "again proved that fortune favours the brave," Capt. Margesson said the Greeks, by their triumphant advance over difficult country in the depths of winter, had shown their neighbours that though a small country they possessed dauntless courage.

The Free French forces had already given gallant service in Libya, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and elsewhere, and the Poles are only waiting a chance to get at the enemy once again.

The position as regards equipment has greatly improved since last summer and gives some cause for confidence.

Closing Gaps

The gaps still existing in some classes of equipment are closing weekly and, with the aid of Bri-

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STOP PRESS

FOUR CASES OF CHOLERA WERE NOTIFIED TO THE HEALTH AUTHORITIES YESTERDAY BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR TO 40.

One of the cases notified yesterday came from Victoria and three from Kowloon.

Jacob was this afternoon found guilty by a verdict of six to one, but the foreman added that the Jury felt that accused was led on to a certain extent by the prosecution and recommended leniency.

The Chief Justice asked accused's C.O. if he could indicate what effect the conviction would have upon Jacob's career, but Lt. Col. Rudolf said he could not say with certainty.

Addressing Jacob, the Chief Justice said that in view of his good record and all the evidence that had been heard in the case, sentence would be postponed to the next Sessions. Jacobs would, meantime, be held in civil custody.

The stage is set, says Reuter from Tokyo, for signing of Franco-Thailand accord, following complete French agreement to the Japanese plan. Both Thailand and France have given assurances that there will be no further aggressive action. A Government spokesman said that the future border will be demarcated by a Commission, but it has not been decided in what capacity Japan will be represented on the Commission. He hinted that the signature will take place in public and answered affirmatively to a question whether all causes of dispute had been eliminated. —Reuter.

tish and Dominions and Indian production and the growing American output, the time is not distant when we shall have an army fully equipped and fully trained.

WE ARE NOT SITTING TIGHT INSIDE OUR DEFENCES BUT ARE ENDEAVOURING DAILY TO IMPROVE OUR SYSTEM OF STATIC AND MOBILE DEFENCE.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE HOME GUARD IS DOING A FINE JOB, NOTWITHSTANDING SOME TEMPORARY SHORTAGE OF EQUIPMENT.

As a proof of the excellence of British material, Capt. Margesson recalled the long-range desert patrols organised by General Wavell soon after Italy entered the war, exploring the Libyan Desert. —Reuter.

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300 NORWEGIANS RELEASED IN LOFOTEN RAID

Norwegian circles in London yesterday expressed great satisfaction at their forces' part in the Lofoten raid.

It is understood that over 300 Norwegian patriots were brought back to join their fellow-countrymen in Britain. —Reuter.

CAROL IN LISBON

Ex-King Carol of Rumania and Mme. Lupescu have arrived safely in Lisbon after a thrilling escape by car from Seville across the frontier mountains. —Reuter.



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